PRIVATE

January 25th 1869

25th This is the 1st day of examination. we were examined in Grammar this morning by Profs. Fay. my subject was Pronouns. I did much better than I expected to. I drew my requisition to-day. It is a blustry cold day! We are not going to have any exercise to-day.
We had an excitement on Saturday in the shape of a fire out in town. I with several others was out in a boat at the time. So that we did not have the hard work of hauling the engines out.
We were sailing and after trying for a quarter of an hour to beat up we put out the oars and pulled to the fire in about five minutes it was an old ice house situated close to the water, and would have burned the whole row of out houses barns &c up if the Nida had not gone out there and put it out for them.
I started this log to day and mean to try and keep it up through any whole course. Am very sorry you did not keep it up as is intended.

Geography

Jan 26th I was examined in ~~Arithmetic~~ Geography to day and did very poorly my subjects were Compass. Volcanoes. Rivers of Asia and Capes of North America.
It is a clear cold day. Tomorrow we are examined in Arithmetic. We did not have any exercise today.

27th The weather is still cold.
Was examined today in Arithmetic failed on one example certain if not more I work too fast to do well.
Had Howell part of the time and Johnston the rest. I thought I would do poorest on Grammar and believe I did better in that than in any thing else.
Recd. a letter from Mother to day Grandpa arrived home on the 20th Mother says perhaps she will come to see me between now & June.
We have studies but no recitations this week & no exercise. I wrote to Ben Tabler & also to Pilzer. and recd. ~~a letter from~~

28th Did not do anything today but lay around the ship. we had studies but we did very little studying Graham rigged a windmill in the forenoon and in the afternoon had a contrivance here and hove the

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lead until he broke his line which was only thread. I drew my history Ancient & Atlas today.

It was a warm pleasant day and seemed more like spring than winter. I read most all day.

29th

Nice warm day and feels more like spring than winter.

The unsatisfactories were read out today and Oliver Slough & Lloyd are unsatisfactory in everything. I wish I had been a little more careful on examination in Math. I might have passed a single number.

We had studies but no recitations today.

We are going to leave Dress Parade at four forty five this afternoon.

Recd. a New Era from home, and wrote a long letter home asking Pa to write to Adjt. Porter and have me put on the permanent church list.

30th

It was a very pleasant day, and the Adjt. was so good as to give us a holiday, for which we were very thankful.

I went out sailing in the forenoon and had a very pleasant time although it was rather squally

30th and we had to take in sail a
little quicker than was quite pleasant
In the afternoon I dressed myself
and went up to the photographers
intending to get my picture taken
but there was such a crowd that
I came away.
Galt fell from the Jacobs ladder
that leads into the lower rigging
and bruised his face considerabll.
We had dancing in the evening.

31st The sun is out bright and warm
but there is a cold wind from the
nor. west which makes it very disagree-
able indeed.
I am on duty today as mate of
the berth deck. and I did not have
to go to church.
I am anything but satisfied with
my term report but I hope it will
be better next month. I mean to try
to make it so any-how.
I sat and read to Galt most
all day his face is pritty badly
bunged up.
Oh Math. I stand thirteen for
the term and I am ashamed
of my average. I can do better
and I ought to do it, but there is
so much noise up in our corner
that it is almost impossible to study

Feb. 1st "

Studies and recitations were resumed today. It was rather a pleasant day in the sun, but a cold wind blew from the nor. west.
Recd. a letter from Miss J.
Had infantry drill in the evening Burney was Officer in Charge.

2nd "

A cold windy day, wind from the
recd. a letter and paper
from home, the Bazar is over they made about twelve hundred dollars
Wiley is Officer in Charge,
Commenced snowing about four oclock and is snowing prilly hard now. Had great gun exercise. Made my first recitation in History Ancient it is hard to remember, but interesting to read.

3rd "

It was just pouring down rain when we turned out this morning not a sing of snow anywhere in sight. The water is very high, and the old Constitution is afloat now if she is ever aground.
Kurtis is on Officer in Charge, he is going to hear me recite in Seamanship.
Had infantry exercise in afternoon

February 4th 1869.

4th It rained considerable last night. It is cold and very windy, wind from west nor. west. Berwick Office in Charge
Had Infantry drill. Rusual routine Lessons &c.

5th Very very windy from the west nor west.
Buckingham Officer in Charge
Had Infantry drill for exercise.
The wind blew so hard that it nearly blows you overboard when you go up the wharf.
I must study more for I bus-led this morning in Math on a simple example in Subtraction.
But it was more my carelessnes than any thing else.

6th Wind has subsided, and I am very glad of it for we have got to go out in town and bury a defunct Coundr. We got out of drawing in consequence of which I was very glad.
Capt Johnson was so extremely kind as to send me down to the third section in Math. He did it. I think because I

February 6th

6th Tried to tell James about an ex-
ercise, before yesterday would
expected to go up into the 1st section
but I will go in next week. and I
was disappointed I did not expect to
go down. Had a good time carrying
the Light Coords. the marines carried
three pieces at a rivers but we carried
ours at a right shoulder shift. the
marines fired three volleys over their
graves.

7th It is a clear frosty rather a cold
day went to church as usual
wrote three letters one to Mother to
Josie and one to Hannie Espe.
I paid a visit to the Corporal to-
night and had a very pleasant
time.

8th Warm pleasant day. Nothing of
any importance going on except that
Floyd & Mr. did not go home to
get up a fight. one Indian said is
going to whip another because he
is a 1st class man and he is a
stiff and he will not care if
it broke him.
Have fencing to day!

February 9th 1869.

9th A cold drizzling rain is falling and makes it very uncomfortable out side.

Usual routine of studies recitations & exercises.

Midn. Hackney officer in charge recited in seamanship he knew and made a complete rust.

10th Pl was raining when I turned out this morning but it cleared up. Adams is officer in charge wish I had got excused yesterday from reciting in seamanship I could have got a good mark, now I

11th A bright pleasant day.

Had exercise aloft this morning in place of jumping Jimmy. I worked hard and got down first once or twice, but I shall take my turn now we have it again.

Burwin was officer in charge.

Had Infantry exercise in afternoon;

Midn. Cochran one of the best officers in charge we have had got in the report for being drunk & asleep on sentry going for him he is such a good fellow.

February 12th 1869

12th A bright clear day, had more exercise aloft I wish they would stop it as it is very poor fun.
Midn. Perkins Officer in Charge.
Had dress parade this morning, and I like it quite well. Lots of pretty women looking at you.

13th Usual four hours of drawing this morning.
Had sailing this afternoon it was very fine, but had to come back from the Light.
Had a nice little dancing this evening.
[illegible] it is a regular shame, and I shall be glad when he comes out.
A new order was passed today that we are to have two parade suits, and I will have to draw one which will reduce my pile of money to less than a hundred dollars.
I did not go up this week in Math as I expected to, but that is no wonder H— has taken a dislike to me and I don't believe he would show me up for any consideration

February 11th 1869

11th We went to church as usual
Always a pleasant day, but there
is a cold wind blowing.
Nothing of much importance
going on.
Did not go up with the 2nd section
as I expected to.

15th Was raining when I turned out
this morning.
But it soon cleared up now.
And is quite pleasant out side.
But has clouded up again in the
afternoon.
Curtis Upton in charge.
He had me in rounds and I
got a 3,80 for a mark.
I trolled on skipping a sudden and
equipoise middle.

16th Cold wind blowing from the
nor. west.
Usual exercises and recitations
only Spurping Jimmy has gone
back to us. I would rather have
him than go aloft.
Victor Officer in charge
Had goal 6 for exercise
I was teaching the fancy artitle in
Sure exercising

February 17th 1869

17th A bright and pleasant day. Heard the blue bird singing when I went to breakfast this morning. I do not know what to make of it I have not seen but a single solitary bird today in Malta this week.
Had dress parade to night, at ten minutes of five. I was in the Gymnasium and [illegible] in the Armory [illegible]

18th [illegible] windy [illegible] a blustering [illegible] I will [illegible] this week into the 2d and the [illegible] the 1st.
Had infantry in the afternoon;
A double diamond [illegible] is Razzo.
Recd a letter from Will Pitzer [illegible] having a gay time [illegible]

19th [illegible] I had my [illegible] to day.
[illegible] studies.
Tonight we have dancing; I must try and learn that waltz for next year I wont like to exibit myself unless I can dance pretty well

February 20th 1809.

20th A busy kind of a day
Got two reports of drawing one by Tippy Lile and the other from Gaby Oliver.
Had an liberty in the afternoon and a pleasant time, went to see Rob. Warren. Steward Officer in Charge
A lot of the fellows went sailing in the afternoon.
Captn Harrington was good enough to put me up this week. Now if I only study half I will go up to the first.
Sobers came down from the 1st into 2nd it was no doubt quit a surprise to him.
The fellows are all on tip toe in hopes that we can go to the Examination ball I hope the Admt will let us go we would have a gay time

21st A cold cloudy kind of a day, nothing going on.
Wrote to Mother. A good deal of talk about whether we are going to have any studies tomorrow.
We sent in a request to go out to church but Captn Dewey would not grant it.
Engy Officer in Charge

Febuary 22nd 1869

22nd This is Gen. Washingtons birth day. It is rather pleasant day. We did not have any studies of recitations.
Several of the fellows went out in the 32nd cutter sailing. I did not go.
Did nothing. It rained around the yard all day.
Uncle Sargent is expecting a change he is very hard on Mrs and the boys are talking of giving him a night. He is a 2nd classman.
I am going up to the dentist, to remove and cut my tuth filled. Was not able if lucky was just filled from the Dentist this morning.

23rd It was rainy this morning when I turned out. But it stopped soon rose, and at noon the wind commenced blowing, and in a short time we with had very little water in the river.
Times at the table this morning and pears and I had pie off. Cadet Mitchell is the smallest cadet. Gray Cadet is the most fastest youngster. Knows it, he has me in drawing, and he is lower than me.

February 24th 1869

24th It was very cold when I turned out this morning and there was considerable ice afound, and the wind was west from the nor. west, It cleared up about Noon and got warmer. and is quite pleasant now.
I was at the dentist and had one tooth filled and going tomorrow again, The dentist is a jolly old chap and it is real good fun to go up there.

25th Same day cold weather, windy and disagreable,
I was at the dentists to day and had one tooth filled, I said result it was for late to write in Malt. "for I did not have time to study my lesson and I did not want to bust," and then came down to the ship. I am going up again tomorrow.
I had half an hours guard last night, for not sitting in proper position during studies,
Eidem. Cutis on deck in charge. Midn. Jones on the stripe in the cabin, for breach of rest and Coleman for being intoxicated I am sorry for Coleman for he is a real good fellow

February 26th 1869

26th There was about two inches of snow on the ground when I turned out this morning, and it was still snowing with a prospect of continuing all day It knocked off snowing about noon and commenced melting right off. I got through with the doctrine today he charged me eighteen dollars Baker was made Officer of the day in the place of Dixon who was broken for having a loose jumper on at inspection, Capt. Davis is going to have all those on the Officer of the day list be examples of propriety & neatness.

27th A cold windy day, I thought winter was coming by the feeling of today I don't think it is to have a rather sore toe on my arm.

The monthly examinations were published today I am still in the second section in Math, I went up a little in Int Grammar & History.

I went to the band last night it was almost as good as a circus to see them they tumbled around.

February 28th 1869

28th I staid until after eleven o'clock at the Commercial, they had a dance after it was all over and I found to my last dime, I shall be glad when I can go and dance with the ladies, Went up to the doctor this morning but he would not put me on the list with my boil.

Monday March 1st /69

1st A cold disagreeable kind of a day to warm for winter and too cold for summer, I hate such raw cold weather.

My boil on my wrist is no better, I wish it would get well I am tired of it, I am on duty to day as mate of the berth deck, it seems nearly a month to me since I have done any studying up to the dentist at last I can and will to day.

But I am tired of doing nothing and shall be glad to see it over

I have gone down to the seamans ship & drawing I must pull up on study more.

March 2nd 1869

2nd " A cold day in the forenoon but about 1 o'clock time it got warmer, and was quite pleasant I went in to recitation the day for the first time for about a week or more.

I wonder if I will be able to go up to the first section this week I don't know yet.

Meidr. Stewart Officer in charge
" Franklin is still in confinement

3rd " A pleasant day I am still on the crowd list with a boil on my left wrist.

The new order to have us turn out at six was instituted yesterday we do not like it much. I had a great deal rather stay in until half past.

4th " A rainy wet day, and I am sorry for the inspection. They are not going to let us go. And I am sorry for we should have had a splendid time, but it is near time for June examinations and then for a go home on leave, but won't I have a good time.

March 6th 1909

6th Windy cold day, had one hour and a quarter guard, for passing notes during drawing.

I have to go at it the next day as well & can go without any trouble.

Spider rolled down on Thursday.

I am going over tomorrow to have some photographs taken.

1st Was quite surprised when I turned out this morning to find the world covered with snow.

Langston got a special report for the Admiral today for writing improper notes during drawing.

It was that this cold weather had come during exams and not until after things.

Lord as Mayor and I think it would get warmer.

Went over and sat for some pictures yesterday & hope they will be good ones.

They allowed us to draw fifty cents extra yesterday to go to the theatre with, & I don't mind saying that there were a dozen out of the class went.

March 8th 1869

Weather still cold but an improvement on yesterday.

Sold [illegible] Franklin [illegible] fifteen cents to day, ha been in his day, that is pretty rough on a first-classman.

Had a dress parade this evening. The fellows calculated have out today she works very well.

9th A pleasant day and seems quite like spring.

I rec'd. a letter from Mc a to day.

I am down in the third section in Mathematics. But I hope not despaired of passing high in mathematics. Had a dress parade this evening.

10th It was raining when I turned out this morning, and we got our hammocks for the berth deck. Had infantry drill in the afternoon. I got a letter from Mattie I to day and Allie Mc Farland. I have a boil on my under lip how is that! it hurts me that I cannot study or do anything else.

March 11th 1869

11th A cool pleasant day, am to the sick list with the boil on my lip it is reckoned painful.
The steamer Cataposa came in to day with supplies.
Read all day inside this evening.
It has been a rather dull day to day because I have been on the sick list & can't go out & when I'm plagued living inside is much the way when I eat
20 ~~Exact~~

12th There was about two inches of snow on the wharf when I turned out But it all melted before noon The roll of Corps was read out to day and Joel Brown A. J. Brown W. L. Baldwin E. Lloyd were found deserters; There were ordered to send in the resignation immediately
There were three fellows in the third class turned back into this one there names are Lacy Lutz Waring
F. Gum & C. Brake the fellows that were with us on the cruise have bilged also. There was a round-robin in it, the most of them out of the third class.

March 13th 1867

13th The boil on my lip has got about well. Mrs. Dow came over where to the dancing hall last evening, to see us dance, George gave us a lecture and told us that we ought to be ashamed of ourselves, bein going to dancing school all winter and cannot dance a waltz yet.

I think he won't give us the lesson he promised to last night.

We went out sailing this afternoon in the 32 ed cutter Pilot Jo Lowery & myself.

14th I guess I dog eyed 2 went out in town to church and had a very pleasant time, it is the first I have been out and I had a very pleasant time.

I went out in the afternoon but did not go to church.

Brown & Baldwin are out in town swinging themselves loose seem to glorify in the fact that they are tipsy.

Have the geological tube of England for a history lesson in the morning, and it is most awful hard /

March 15th 1864

15th Day opened well enough, but there was some rain during the day, and it was also very cool. Adml. Porter was down here yesterday and ordered Capt. Quay to move the gun boat. Yesterday moved out into deep water, and they have done it today, she was aground 8 times the day before.

Feel blue as the devil to night and almost wish I was going to bilge with the rest of the bilgers in 2 days. If some of the reports are true that are going the rounds I will have a chance before long, for they say that they are going to bilge the whole of the lower half of the class.

16th The bilgers left to day. a pleasant day nothing of importance going on have got over the exes and feel quite like myself once more

Had a dress parade this evening.

Nothing of importance going on, pretty dull. I must try and study in the Fourth section in Math mean to get out of that before long.

March 18th 1869.

18th A cold kind of a day. I wish it would stop being cold this time of the year.

Had goat gun exercise. Winston has been transferred to our guns crew the 17th in the place of Brown who was b'ged. Burney was officer in charge to day. The first-class have got off the gun-line once more.

18th Burney reported me for reading during gymnastics yesterday I was busy up forward looking my algebra I got hell on both for it & three demits.

Had infantry drill this afternoon going to be a change made in the gun-line before long go to studies at eight, supper half hour past six. dress parade just before.

Did pretty well in Math. this morning with old Harrington. Graduate gogued the very old Harry out of him and knocked a daisy again, but gogueing don't pay and I am going to do away with it if I can do otherwise.

Norfolk 19th 1809

19th The Cub is going to sail this morning to take him down to Norfolk to be fixed up

The Guy met us the other day and the yacht Swan with the Lieutenants were on each side of her. of course they both had to be moved before they could get the Cub out.

I have done pretty well this week in Math and I hope to go up. During the week I took it down in Math.

20th It is Sunday and a very pleasant day. Miss Gunnell Lowry & I myself are going out sailing this afternoon. it 22nd with.

I did not go out sailing went over and had some pictures taken I hope they will be good for there are a lot of applications for them.

The Lieut. Guy Lowry is going to carry the Cub down to Norfolk tomorrow.

Father sent a confederate paper out that is the last section in Math. this week.

Got the Diamond Flower for a lesson tomorrow.

March 21st 1867

21st Sunday got ashelist for a tab hammock this morning
Went out in town by steam along with Evans to the Episcopalian like it better to go by land out then.
We are angry old Deary on the skylark & bird in our corner and it is a great wonder to me why we dont get spotted more than we do
We hardly studied a bit during evening studies.

22nd A day that seems more like summer than any we have had yet. I was not called on in Arithmetic this morning, and was very glad of it.
We have a new rule of living we do not go to studies a little few minutes of eight in the evening. They have sent all the spending gear on the Indian and I guess we will be sending sail on this in a few days as soon as the weather gets a little warmer. I am tired of cold weather and I wish it would get warmer

March 23rd

23rd This will be kind of another slit continues.

I went out to the photographers today and saw the proofs of my photographs I like them very well. There is a report floating around that Secretary Root is coming down here to-morrow, and that we are not to have any studio, I went object to have one day out from studio but I will object to the drill they will probably put us through.

Mann was re examined the other day and has lodged physically, one more year. if they say no then won't be any lift-bye & bye.

I am most awfully afraid that I am going to have another boil on my lip. It is just as sore as the devil.

I stood a quarter of an hour guard tonight what was left over from yesterday.

I decided in Sunnyside today to forward 3 yrs. I got a pretty good start.

The only visitor we had today was Mrs. Hunter.

And a very loud horn in Smith to get this evening.

Sat. Oct. 24th 1869

24th A warm pleasant day and I hope it will continue so all day. There was some talk of Gen. Bee coming down here today and that we were not going to have any studies, but there was no truth in it, and we had studies just as usual.

Reuben is packing up ready to leave.

We had dress parade today. and plenty of drill.

25th Orders came down late last night that we were not to have any studies to day.

Sgt. Borie together with Cadt. Porter and other officials were here most unlooked for all day. The first thing we had was dress parade at 8 o'clock and we were all drawn up in line after the 1st. call to appearance, and by the time the last bugle sounded the line was in order to do credit to ourselves and the Academy. We had to shift immediately and go to Recruit drill we were at 1st. Recruit one hour and it

March 25th 1864

23rd

We must [illegible] but we have those troubles around the back line. We dismounted the boys and all [illegible] line on the ground until [illegible] never look sharply with the indies. Then the first- fired the mortar four times and came within ten feet of the mark each time.

Then first rest until [illegible] of two o'clock we had Great- Gun exercise aboard the Santiago besides from both sides Then they had another tournament- in the gymnasium and after that- a dance, and at five o'clock we had a dress parade, How will that- do for one days drilling Some of the fellows are in a great to show about- there being ladies tomorrow. They are so tired that they cannot- study and I sincerely hope for one that we won't- have any I read a very good letter from Uncle Kirby last night- and it- did me good to read it-

March 26th /67

26th Orders came down during Lowry's studies that we were not to have any studies tomorrow. Today and next Sunday our hammocks to be piped down at eight o'clock last night.

It is a very unpleasant day. Dry. Thick. Gusty. Some people went out sailing in spite of the storm. Boy put on the pipe and put the rubber cover over that, but I think it was seeing please make it fine.

Do not know whether we will have any studies tomorrow. I hope Lizzy Driver will stay away.

27th Cloudy bright & pleasant day but we had drowning as usual.

Had a great fuss about who should have the cutter the team went up to the Commodore and came down saying that he had given him permission to use it, and sure enough out of the mess hall before dinner was over jumped in the boat and shoved off.

I went up to the Commodore and he told me that he had not given them permission to take the cutter and to have the commodore hoisted and have them brought

March 27th 1861

27th Sick, I did so, and now the way that we build them I dream to go and report them.
And let them suffer.
This morning has been a splendid one the nearly full moon and neither too warm or too cold.

28th This is a nice pleasant day and I begin to think that Spring is not far off
I am going out till town this morning to church.
I met Church in company with Mrs Fletcher.
It is a very pleasant day

29th A rainy day a new series of exercises was published to day and the fourth division were to have exercise in boats, but in consequence of the rain we had orig way in the Armory. Wiley was officer in charge but Lieut Dewey came out once and commenced blowing some of the fellows up for talking Wiley interposed and told him that he had given them permission to speak Dewey then got high on his ear and told W to report himself for neglect of duty.

March 30th 1807

30th

I was on duty to day as Mate of the Watch. I thought I would not have to report any one but the Officer in Charge of the Deck came down on the Deck and reported a Gun missing and I had to report them both.

The second & forth Divisions had seamanship on the Marion. they bent top sails & courses & jib, and furled them.

I did not see it as I was busy [illegible] this week and I don't want to be mixed with the folks at home. Hope none of them are sick.

31st

The last day of the month very windy blowed from the nor west side. Patch who is captain of my guns crew is Officer in Charge [illegible] what is it going to be.

But expect some of the skippers are on the quarterdeck and be a running them.

Nothing more of any importance going on.

Had dress parade this morning and some smartship exercise also bent sail and sent them down the yard bent them three times & furled.

April 1st 1869

One pleasant day lots of fooling going on among the fellows
Had a hard drill at Seamanship up to day to day on board the Vermont
Reading & writing still crossing & furling. no fooling in that
Had dress parade in the evening a great many ladies were out to witness it. Had a letter from Lew with a pair of gloves in it.

2nd Another day this morning but it has commenced raining since dinner and is raining pretty rapidly This is the last day in this Academic month. I don't know where I will go this month perhaps up and may be down but I hope not
I think I may go up in Vermont if in nothing else
Hang the Chest I can't seem to stop up in mouth. any more I go up but for some reason go down again, it is not always fair weather, but it is inevitable. I mean to move next month and see if I can't go up & stay

April 3rd 1861

3rd Saturday a fair day after misty
am down to [illegible] and Sam [illegible]
and another [illegible] that [illegible]
to shoot [illegible]
I did [illegible] to [illegible] but I [illegible]
not down [illegible]
Monday and that [illegible] Sam
along with Graham [illegible] and a
pheasant [illegible] out in the country
hunting about not [illegible] did not
out shooting [illegible] and killed a
robin, and [illegible] a [illegible] with
him about the [illegible] of the country.
[illegible] and [illegible]
but for all that I [illegible] to
[illegible]

4th Sunday [illegible] and I [illegible] that
we [illegible] would stop [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] compounded cold.
Then we a General muster up at the
[illegible] and I was entitled to attend
and answer to my name but after
that I was free to go where I
pleased, so I [illegible] and [illegible]
my own [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] is that [illegible]
Smith is right I [illegible] like it initiate but it is so near Catholic that
there is but very little pleasure in going

April 5th 1809

5th Cloudy first day returned to
port Jackson could but the wind
was not in getting out for the
land in sight.
Dog Tom 32d lashes with cats
and Tho. Dick Tom Joseph sailing
one step down ready one hour
to weathward.
Got Grummet in ~~sitting~~
Gunnard again at Noon & hoisted
out the boats to clean.

6th A fine day carried a kite down
for which had a boiled pig in
the boat, the men to mend the
sails postage stamps.
The fourth division and Lewis
exercised & they are fixing up the
Gunnasium that we could not
have any rowing, so we had an
exercise at all.
I got this far and the drum beat
for exercise we had it on the Quarter
and hard work it was to first thing
three of us parted the main royal
stay I down on deck for the second
and fourth crews hand to go up and
hand the main top sail. it was blowing
a pritty brisk breeze and to let you
it was no childs play

April 1st 1849

1st Cloudy & cool day. Had
[illegible]
Read several pages this afternoon
on the Mexican and we did lots of
work today & just sail first thing
then unbend and stow in the
hold. Then down top gallant &
royal yards clew up and clear
unbend the sail and send it up
again then put the yards in the
rigging. But I like it never
better than this plagued [illegible]
we used to have so much of.

8th

A pleasant day begins to feel
like spring. Hope it will continue
tomorrow night-the second dress
ball comes off and I guess it
will be a grandest kind of
a grand affair.

Had [illegible] exercising
today that is another plagued
round exercise and the least we have
of that-the better.

Middies Petit Officer in Charge
to day.

April 9th 1897

9th [illegible] day, went up [illegible] on the car at the corner [illegible] ill at [illegible]
Which was quite a piece of strategy.
To night- the great ball comes off the quietest of the season.
I have not up to look at the [illegible] this evening and they have it [illegible] and elegantly decorated
A fountain in the center and around the sides it is draped with flags. Having rooms in the little nooks & corners just large enough for two to sit- & visit in.
I am sorry I am on the night I want to go.

10th We have holiday today for which we are very thankful.
Sonny Graham Pictur & some more of the fellows were gone all day with 32 Cutter & did not get.
I played base ball most all day.
We drew our money today and I am sorry to say I owe nearly all of mine.
They allowed me to stay in until seven oclock this morning on account of the ball last night.

April 11th 1869

Tomorrow is my birth day I will be eighteen years old I will soon be a man I say but the last year has fairly flew by.

Today we had a regular snow storm it snowed hard all day, but turned out a very pleasant night-nice & cold. I went out in town to church in spite of the storm.

I am getting a little tired of the storms now a days it is on account of the folly I am in that I get tired of it.

12th Tomorrow will be my birth day I am eighteen years old. I will [illegible] I will be glad.

I made young Lee in a little while a lively little kid and I was sorry and glad to get out of the fourth reader till Miss it is an uncomfortable place to be in.

I hope this year will be as successful a one as the one I had just passed has.

And by hard study and good scholarship I mean I shall soon regain my good standing.

Oct 13th 1864

13th A pleasant day nothing of importance going on. Had a conference in the Marion North. Sacrament Meeting and I'll tell you. You'll get it next time.

Col H. Brown from Provo to congratulate for a lesson tomorrow, if it is as hard as it is long. Can't learn to love it but will try to get it out & over to do it. It won't hurt me.

14th Cold kind of a day. I am glad my division does not have Guard duty today, the first & third did or the two ships crew have it today.

The fourth div. has Guard tomorrow. We did not have to recite the hard lesson in Algebra for some of the section told him they did not understand it, so he put the whole report in & having it to learn.

Read a little from Scott and wrote home this week.

I am getting my picture in uniform like to send it, it shows a good finish.

I took my new jacket up to Brown to have it altered today he said he could fix it without much difficulty

Camp 15th 1864

15th A pleasant day, and it seems as if Spring were really coming at last.

We had an unusually severe storm last Saturday night and three days of gale and three days of gale that blew down our tent.

The fire did very poorly the first three days we were out and the last night very often to cook with and it was hard work to keep warm. But they finally righted it.

16th Sarah's very fine collection is sold. The clothing and shoes go up this eve.

The great bell rang and the guns said it is going to be a fight on the Rapidan and the ships and the shipping and the railroads are to be boarded.

The stock company are to give it as a farce comedy in the afternoon and I guess each of us will have a copy as a dozen invitations have been sent away.

If we had known it we would have worked or done anything else than I know. All the divisions have Infantry this afternoon.

Civil 1st Yr 1864

17th Saturday we had a meeting today and appointed Thompson and Winslow to represent our class on the committee. Thompson has been put on the invitation and Winslow on the supper.

I stayed all night on the Tennessee and we had the regular drawing in the forenoon. Had our Muster in the afternoon. Nothing of much importance occurred during the day.

28th Sunday went out in town to church. A small.

There are lots of fine looking girls go to that church.

I must go in Balt. on a wonder I will have for my ho it is a regular little brick!

Have Logarithms for our lesson Monday the first - lets pages a good long lesson but - I guess a little solid study will bring it around all right.

Did not go to church in the afternoon.

Wrote a letter home and to Miss Julie.

Until 12 M. 1st

11th A pleasant day all through. It is calm.

Read a first lesson in Arithmetic this morning and 2 pages of Geography. Hung up and the lee. for the second section.

Had Seamanship exercise this afternoon sent up and down top gallant and royal yards, and bent sail.

Middy Smith let us off a little earlier than usual.

Nothing else of much importance. Mr Yes Capt went into confinement for Cognac. He is in the Cock Pit and in bread & water

20th A very pleasant day during the forenoon but it commenced to rain during the afternoon and it did just pour down in one almost solid sheet of water it was time to see the fellows on the mainyard down the rigging almost wringing wet.

They are retreated to the armory and had wig wags in stead of Seamanship exercise.

Sonny & Fremont got up about half past four this morning and took a sail in Jacks cat boat.

April 21st 1865

21st A splendid day seems as if spring were really going to come at last

This evening is perfectly splendid a nearly full moon and a clear sky it is grand, out side and I wish I could go out and enjoy it.

We went up to the buildings and got our drawing boards this day, and are going to have a new style of drawing next saturday they call it Topographical.

I think I will like it anything for a change.

We had fencing in the Gymnasium Buckingham Officer in charge.

22nd Another just as pleasant day as yesterday was. and I only hope it may continue.

We are to draw six white cap covers. at the store and I have just seen one of the fellows with one on they look first rate.

And when we get white pants and white cap covers on we will just look as the fellows say "Knobby!"

I think this is the last day of the advance in months and I am glad of it for I am in bad luck now.

April 23rd 1869

23rd "Bright" cool a regular spring day kind of Yelsted ice cutting this morning. Hope little time wont put me down.
Had a bus load to day. Did not have anything for small on account of the wind being about such to have it out. Music is no fun at all. The old Prof. did not come either so there was no lesson. Victoria Officiating Lady.

24th Saturday commenced typographical engraving to day don't think I shall like it as it is to hard on the eyes. Drew with a pen and ink.
The first thing we have to engrave to represent glass wood &c. &c.
Did not learn this morning. Lawyer was unsatisfactory in Latin to day. This morning two weeks found nothing new. I think he had better stop that kind of a thing.
I got measured for a whistle to day. It will come just in time for the ball.

April 25th 91

25th Sunday went out in town with Graham to church in forenoon and he got so enamored with a cabinet organ only that we went out in the afternoon to take another look at the furniture.

Just awoke from out a little cat enclosed.

Will write more of it before going out.

26th Monday a very pleasant day made a very fine resolution in Math this morning.

Received a letter from Uncle Joseph which enclosed a pair of kid gloves for me. Very grateful.

Also one from Mamma and from Lizzie Tripp which was full of little sayings.

April 27th 96

27th A very pleasant day and warm as it should be. We are going to have divisions today, hope it will go off a little better than it did on the 24th. Had Seamanship exercise on the Mariner, sent down top sail yards. I have a top berth in sending down topsail yards I am stationed at the braces all I have to do is to take in the slack or to slack off as the case may be.

28th A nice warm pleasant day, it is really warm. I wish I were at home this afternoon I should like mighty well to be some where.

There has been a new order published in regard to the seamanship drill we are only to exercise fifty minutes and that is a thing order for old Skerritt was in the habit of keeping us there for nearly two hours which is no fun at all.

Did pretty well in drill today to day up for my last of yesterday.

I can only pass in the second section for this month

April 29th

29th Appointment to voting of importance
came on.
I am going to be on duty
Saturday that is to-day.
I received a letter from George
Hoffman this evening that was
absented and returned with
I suppose it was torn when
I did not know the handwriting
and it was from Ballard

30th Friday a pleasant day all business
and unpleasantly excited by
to find I was going in the evening.
I received a letter from George
He to day. Nothing in it of
much consequence.
I hope I will be on duty
tomorrow. I want to go out in
town.
I have not been out except
on church liberty for a long time.

May 1st 1864

1st It is a pleasant morning (for raining) like x^t for all days. And I will bet there is more than one disappointed man around here.

The Tallahassee came up here this morning, she came to get Capt. Walker's furniture to take it to Wilmington.

The first-classmen are all in a stew about what ship they are going on.

Curtis was on the Tallahassee. I don't know what ship I will be on, on the cruise but I hope on the Savannah. I went over and took a look at the T—a this evening.

2nd " Still raining and don't seem to have any prospects of stopping.

Did not go to Church on account of the rain.

I wrote, five letters today.

It has cleared up this afternoon and I hope by night to see a clear sky.

The T—a Captain was to-day she took old Brady seaman who was continually getting drunk and they have sent him to the Tallahassee.

May 3rd 1864

3rd "

Fought and rode.

Nothing of much importance going on. We are preparing as swiftly as possible for examination. We are expecting a grand firing at the ball.

We did not have dress parade for a wonder.

4th "

Nothing of much importance going on.

We have old Tohannus hearing in History now and some of the fellows goduge him like everything. He is an old fogy and is forever talking about how sharp he was.

May 5th 1897

5th Wednesday and a very pleasant day.

We sent ~~down~~ all hands but Great Gun exercise to day.

They are just giving us a taste of what it will be on examination

Maidn. Perkins is Officer in charge

6th Thursday another very pleasant day

All hands but Seamanship and I left you are worked. We send down top gallant & royal yards. top gal lantmasts & top masts in less than half an hour.

We are just going to rush thing on that examination drill.

Maidn. Thachara Officer in charge.

I recited in Seamanship to him and made a very good recitation.

May 7th 1869

7th I have I turned out this morning it was raining and it has kept it up most of the all day long. At intervals to sun comes out and it is quite pleasant.

I have made four recitations in Math this week. But we are not going to have any transfer during review so I cannot tell whether it would put me up or down.

Nothing of much importance going on.

I am on the Saccarappa on the cruise and I am glad of it. for that is the ship that Capt. Harrison will be on.

8th Saturday. Read drawing as usual in the forenoon.

I sent in a request and had it granted to go out in town.

Grabbin and I took a long walk out into the country and fired at a mark with a little revolver of his and hit it nearly every time.

I had a very severe head-ache in the evening and did nothing but [illegible] around here on the decks. The first class nine played a game of base ball with the nine from St. Johns academy, beat them score 25 to 9

May 18th 1869

Sunday a very fine day had general muster today instead of last Sunday were it rained.

I went to Chapple and [illegible] name and the went out in town to church.

Dr Hammond did not preach but some stranger, I did not know who he was.

I went out with Powers in the afternoon and went all around first to one and then to another.

I spent the evening in writing letters.

19th Monday a pleasant day, Nothing of importance going on.

Second and third div. had seamanship, caught old Pinlock gogueing to day. Irish Kitty gobbled him, and had a hell of a hard time to get the paper, the family sent for Blake Lieut. Cowden and he gave it to him.

They are just getting in by the whole sale diver. Hancock & Johnie within the last three days.

Dress Parade as usual.

May 11th 1869

11th A pleasant day.
Second & Fourth divisions had seamanship.
Medic. Surgeon Officer in Library.
A rather dull day and nothing going on.
I went up and played ball in the evening.
Dress Parade as usual.
The first-class and second class crew are going to pull a match race next Saturday. The Gale pulled up to the wharf to day

12th A large French "Ligne de Battle ship" is laying just off the mouth of the river. She is accompanied by a bark as a tender.
There Midshipmen came on shore this morning, and took a look at our inevitable Dress Parade.
They wear long tailed coats not jackets as we do.
Their caps are not so round and stiff as ours are which is the only advantage they have over us in uniform. They are not a very good looking set.

Jan 13th 1864

13th A changable day, sometimes it was raining and sometimes the sun was shining.

There was a number of the French Soldiers from the frigate Bastonaise on shore today, s

I went in swimming to night for the first time it was very cold until I got warmed up swimming.

All divisions had Great Gun Exercise We gave us various directions to perform on examination. They are going to drill the 1st Div on examination

14th Friday. A rainy day it rained all day long.

All divisions had Infantry we drilled in the Armory.

A number of the fellows are going out to the frigate Bastonaise tomorrow.

I do not think I shall for I would not like to go out there as I was going aboard, and I would not go aboard unless I was invited on shore.

May 15th 97

15th Sunday had our regular four hours of shooting this morning. I went up in the yard & on the market, the wood does not on the fence - column I can be play shy in. Two bodies with the stocking white suits with blue binding, and one sick stock white cap with a blue star in the center of it.

The first classmen paid the Finer Middies a visit and staid until dinner when they came back some of them looked as if they had drank more than was good for their health.

16th Sunday a bright pleasant day at times and some times it was rainy I went out in town to church in the forenoon and wore a rubber coat I went out in the afternoon and wore a white vest and low shoes. Graham says may be it was cheekey and then may be it was not.

There are some mighty pritty girls go to that Episcopalian church

We have only three more recitations that is just knobby.

Sat 17th 97

17th A bright pleasant day, but very windy
I have made very good resolutions in
every-thing so far Wildy.

We are going over the history a third
time and are only hoping taking
the craneological busts.

All divisions have Boats this
afternoon, I suppose it is kind of
preparitory to examination

I got up after my this morning
and saw the two race boats out
taking a morning pull. I expect
that the race will form a very important
part of the festivities on examination.

18th Tuesday. Tomorrow is examination.
no! the day after I mean

Nothing of much importance
going on.

May 19th 1869

19th A raining day and rained all day.

Commenced to wear our parade clothes today, for the first time.

Did not have any studies to day sat at our desks all day and did nothing;

we are going to examined in grammar tomorrow.

I expect to bust like the devil

20th Thursday — made a great deal better recitation than I expected to to, it was very long and rather tedious,

Tomorrow we have ~~Math~~ History and then we are through this is a very pleasant day.

In about twenty more days we will be afloat. That is those that dont bilge.

Had Lillie Pickles in Grammar surnamed Prof Bussell

May 21st/69

21st A very pleasant day. Busted like the Ducks in Heathbury gave us twenty one of the hazdest kind of examples to do. I did seventeen of them, and then had to knock off on account of time.
Some of the fellows did not do that much.
Tomorrow History mid then we will C.H.
Received a letter from Dan Tabler to day he is all hunkey a little homesick,

Had "Billy Buckshot" in Math summoned Lieut. Lowdr. Inc. delay.

22ed Examined in History to day, by Billy Fay, Did miserably poor, but guess I got through, which was all I cared for,
Nothing more of importance going on I relieved Tyler as mate in the afternoon and he and about a dozen other got tipsy as tunes.
Nagle & Clancy went out in town in the afternoon on a french and not got drunk but got something else.

May 23rd 1869

23rd A very pleasant day, but the best thing of all is that boxing is over. I went out in town to church this morning.

Dr. Hammond did not preach some one else & did not know him.

Nothing more of any importance going on.

The Ball is the great topic of conversation now.

It is only a few days until it comes off.

24th Monday.— A pleasant day nothing of importance going on. Studying is over and we are just having a "knotty" time.

I went out in a cutter this morning and went clear outside the Light house, went in swimming and and got back in time for dinner.

The examination drills commence tomorrow when we expect Gen. Grant down here.

Mon 25th /09

25th "

Had to dress parade at ten o'clock and had to wait about an hour before Grant came. After the parade he made us take examination drill in Infantry after that we shifted into fatigue clothes from our white pants and white cap covers, and were going right into artillery but as it was so near dinner we were dismissed and sent to mess. After grub we had artillery the guns made such a smoke when we fired that it was impossible to see through it. After howitzers we went to Great Guns

20th "

had Examination exercise at sighting the guns in this very dangerous work and the Dale in taking sighting position wearing &c. &c.

In the afternoon we had Boats they were worse on us like the old Harry we could only fourteen Oldsters on small vessels.

Had a fine time I was left behind when we got through that [illegible] "Boats" to wind up with, my boat was so out with perspiration that it could [illegible] the water out- side of it. But I had a "knobby" time swimming in the evening. After that - we rowed around it - was so pleasant out on the water, the band was on board a

May 27th 1867

27th

A windy squally kind of a day, and we did not have any exercise today.

Several of the fellows have been out in cutters but I did not feel like going out.

I went up to help decorate in the forenoon and played ball in the afternoon.

Nothing going on, I got my pictures the morning some of them are lovely looking. I received a letter from Mop. Hattie this morning which enclosed her picture. I also received one from Uncle Joseph which enclosed a pair of white kids. Bully for Good Uncle Joseph

28th Dull nothing going on. spent the morning in working and reading.

In the afternoon we went and played ball. C. H. ~~White~~ Crosswaite sliding his bat around and took me in the arm, and it has swelled up like all fury.

It was done by his d-d carelessness. He is the most gawky man in the class.

It has been drizzling all day and is very disagreeable.

I wish time would hurry along.

May 29th/09

29th A very pleasant day some of the fellows were re-examined today in Hexham.

Graham did a choky thing today. The first class and the second played a match game of ball this afternoon. the first class gained the game score 21 to 25 in favor of the first.

I was on duty and had a very good time chasing around town looking at the pretty girls. I also had a case of a headache in the afternoon.

30th Hot. I went out in town to church in white pants, vest, cap cover, and kid gloves at quite a swell.

There has got to be twenty of us detailed to decorate the Gymnasium I think I shall volunteer for one.

In the afternoon we all hands had liberty and went cruising around town loose. we went out to decorate the soldiers graves but there was mighty little done in the decorating line it was so hot.

May 31st 1869

A very pleasant rather warm.
I went up and worked all the morning at decorating the hall.
In the afternoon I got a request granted to go out in town.
Mitchell and I had just a knobby time eating strawberries and ice cream. we bought some papers and went out in the country and laid under the trees and read, then we came back to town and had some more ice cream. and then back to the ship.

At six oclock we had seamanship on the Marion "spars" it took us about half an hour to send down top gallant & royal yards. top gallant masts, topsail & lower yards. and top masts and to take the top gallant & royal riggin out on the dock.

In the evening I went swimming over to "long wharf" it is a splendid place.

June 1st 1869

A pleasant day
I went up to the Gymnasium this morning to help decorate and work until nearly ~~two~~ eleven oclock
It is very warm weather and I dont like to work much.
In the afternoon I did not work at the Gymnasium.

Went out in a boat in the evening and went in swimming

Nothing more going on.

2nd " Went ~~out~~ in a boat in ~~the afternoon~~ this morning and staid until it was so late I missed my supper
Boat got aground and had to work nearly an hour before could get her off.

I did not go up to the Gymnasium at all today received a letter from home which said that perhaps Pa would be here in a few days.

June 3ed 1869

3ed Splendid! Pa came today in the twelve oclock train I immediatly went out to see him and had a Good time talking to him.

I went out in the evening. He had a rather severe headache which somewhat marred our pleasure but I hope she will not have it tomorrow. He reports all well at home

The Gymnasium is rapidly nearing completion, and it looks very pretty indeed. Gen. Grant is going to attend and is coming down on the Tallapoosa tomorrow morning.

4th A pleasant day we are going to have a dress parade at 4 oclock to receive Gen. Grant

I would like to go out in town and drink it.

Had the parade and after it the first class fell to the rear and locked arms then marched to the front and listened to an excellent address delivered by Judge Humphries after that they received their Diplomas from the hands of Gen. Grant.

I went out in town to supper with Pa tonight. The preparations for the ball are almost completed The ball I shant write any discription of it. now

I remained at the ball until nearly six oclock. I only danced twice for the simple reason that I did not know any body else to dance with. But I had a good time looking on, and feel pretty well used up to day. Pa is going home to morrow he thought to stay until we left but could not.

5th

I did not turn in until half past five this morning and am of course very sleepy. I went out in town this morning and bid Pa Good Bye! he went on the 2 oclock boat I almost felt home sick when he left felt more like crying than I have for some time. I missed my dinner in consequence of my bidding him adieu and when I came back to the ship I was so sleepy I turned in on some stools and when supper went I could

not be waked up.

So when I finally waked at about nine oclock I found I had not eaten any thing all day long. You may judge things flew when I went to breakfast this morning. I felt so awfully sleepy that I turned in as soon as I got my hammock.

Lots of the fellows got as drunk as lords to night.

I was not one of them thank goodness. To add night there was quite a squall came up and there was a lot of darkies out in a boat and they capsized and came near drowning some of them.

6th Sunday I thought that perhaps they would have general muster today so I marched up to chappell and they found they were not so I came away again, and went to my own church.

In the afternoon I was very busy packing up my things for the cruise & think I will be very willing to turn in to night for I am as sleepy as I can be.

June 7th 1869

Commenced this morning to go aboard ship. I have got my locker no. 56 and got things sort of stowed away. There is considerable difference between having two lockers and one.

Nagle, Van Epps, Stanley, and Kirkland are bilged with Block Keeler, Glover, Stough, Pilcher, are turned back into the next class. We are aboard ship but we go ashore for our meals, we go off in the cutters and it is just lots of fun to row that upon dinner time, aboard ship again! There has been considerable trouble about the billets some of the fellows have to swing in the starb room, there are about eighty five fellows stowed on this berth deck and you may imagine things are sort of crowded.

Some of the fellows have not got a whole locker and have to do with only half a one. But we manage to have a very good time & kind of like it. It all the hard work. We are going to have a "hop" tomorrow night at the Gymnasium

June 8th 1869

8th Bright and pleasant day. turned out at five oclock this morning and was all hushed up, and washed when the drum beat.

We sent up top gallant and royal yards this morning and the crew just works right ahead along the pushed up those yards this morning with a vengence

I went ashore rather early for supper and went up to see Capt. Harrison had a pleasant little chat and came down and got my supper. & the evening & went out in town for a while and some cake and stuff to eat. then came down to the "hop" and staid there until nearly twelve oclock, when we came aboard ship and had to row across three times before & got really settled.

Several of the fellows staid out in town all day and all night too, we are just living high here now go where we d-d please and have just a gay time

June 9th 1869

Pleasant. did not turn out much it had to this morning felt pretty well used up. I rowed I ashore to breakfast and then took a boat and rowed Sargent to the Phlox and back here again.

Then went out in a boat and took up the buoys that they had for starting points on the race, we took them to the boat house and then to the race boats and pulled up to the two way up the river and brought them down, by that time I was pretty tired.

We had dinner aboard ship to day for the first time it was not very good but it was fare, Our Fete & travel as published is Cherbourg Portsmouth Brest Lisbon Cadez Funchall that is a very gay rout if they only stick to it.

Sep. Jov ashore in France that will be gay, so I think

June 10th 1864

10th Rainy disagreeable day throughout we were going to start today but was very much mistaken.

I went ashore in a boat and brought off some Grub for the Mess. This going ashore and pulling a boat so much is d-d near played out. I went to get into a boat and fell bruising my leg and arm.

Laid around all the afternoon and did nothing.

Continued to rain all day long. They let all the fellows that wanted to go ashore until sun down I did not feel like going my leg felt so badly. They say we are to start tomorrow at six. I hope it is so for this way of laying here is just played out.

I received a letter from home the other day which reported all well and flourishing.

Pa I suppose is at home by this time he went from here to Baltimore and from there is going home.

June 11th 1869

11th Pleasant. thought we were really going to get off this morning but they started with the Macedonian first and have run her aground on the bar, it may be night before she will get off, she has two tugs, Fortune & Mercury one on each side of her, I am sure I wish they would get her off. Macedonian got off about eleven oclock and then she was towed out clear, and the tugs came back after us, but the pilot said that there was not enough water for us to get over so we will have to wait until tomorrow morning. We did nothing but lay around the deck and wish we were under way. Upper classmen are spinning yarns about the good time they had in Cherbourg Paris &c. &c. I am eager to go ashore ~~and~~ in foreign countries and see these wonders myself. We have plenty of music aboard three guitars two violins a flute and a zoela, after hammocks are piped we have a pleasant time

June 12th 1809

Rouled out this morning before one bell and went on deck to help get the "mud hook" up.

After that we manned all the boats and pulled out into the bay where the Macedonian lay. The tugs staid along side all night and were all ready this morning to start off if we went aground soon after we left but very easily and soon got off.

We are now at 3 P.M. being towed by the tug Fortune. down the bay. The Macedonian is following us towed by the Mercury. we are about off the Patuxent river.

I hope we wont lay any time at Norfolk, for I want to get into deep water.

It has been very pleasant to day the sun shining nearly all day.

We had a hard row of it getting into the bay this morning but the boat I was in beat all the others so I felt contented if I am a little tired.

We dont move very fast not more than two or three knots an hour.

June 13th/69

13th Pleasant. Still under way progress in the forenoon almost imperceptable. Wind is dead ahead and the log is good for nothing almost.

In afternoon we came to anchor for we were going a-stern instead of forward. I lay at anchor all the afternoon and it was so rough that the fellows began to pay tribute to the sea. The lee gang way was crowded all the time.

Captn. Harrison went to Norfolk in the log Fortune and we are still at anchor.

They served out books for the study of gunnery this afternoon one book to every three fellows.

I did not feel much out of the way but should have felt much better if she had not rolled so much.

June 14th 69

I lill at anchor and remained so all the fore noon.

In afternoon wind shifted from dead ahead to, off our quarter so we got up anchor and sailed five or ten miles when it became calm and presently it came up again right ahead, and rain so we came to anchor, and we had to furl sail while it was raining hard enough to melt a Jelloff. I helped furl the lof gallant sail and then the lofs sail and by that time I was as wet as a drowned rat.

Had not been at anchor more than an hour when the log came back with Capt Harrison aboard and "All Hands Up Anchor" went over the ship we soon jerked her out and then were towed towards Norfolk. This is the hardest time I ever had to get to Norfolk.

June 15th 69

Rainy and the best of it is that we came to anchor at about four oclock last night the wind blew so we were going a-stern and dragging the flug with us. So we had to get up anchor again this morning.

Three times within twelve hours. that is rather rough. but we are going along all right now and hope to see Norfolk by dinner time.

Anchored this afternoon about three oclock and there is talk of a base ball match to come off tomorrow with the club in the Fort.

Some of the fellows from the Macedonian were aboard here to night and we had a pleasant time talking of our experiencies.

Who was sea sick and who was not? were the principle theme in our class of conversation.

I wonder how long we will lay here. I hope not long for I want to get to sea! and get back again.

June 16th /69

16th Went ashore this morning all hands and saw the soldiers in the Fort go through a "review" we could beat them all to pieces in the manuel.

I then took a walk around the Fort Lowery proposed that we go over to Hamplon and nothing loth I went on one of the blandest wild goose chases you ever heard of.

Hamplon is a duce of a place and I only saw three girls the whole time I was gone.

There was four or five of the fellows caught drinking and I am afraid it will go hard with them Diderich was the only one in our class.

In the evening the ladies came aboard ship and we had a dance only there was not half enough ladies.

The game of ball was post-poned until tomorrois at one oclock in the afternoon.

I am pritty sure our fellows will beat them for they dont play with half enough "vim". I am as tired as I can be from my walk over to Hamplon.

June 17th "/67

17th Pleasant day.

On account of those fellows getting drunk yesterday only thirty were allowed ashore to day.

We drew lots and the luckey ones have gone ashore.

I guess we can all go tonight for they are going to have a Hop and they will let us all go.

I dont know when we are going to leave here, but suppose not before next week.

All that wanted to went ashore ~~last~~ to a Hop give to the Officers & Ladies of the U. S. N. A.

We had a splendid time and came off at about two or three oclock. They had a program or card and adhered to it just as religously danced every thing that was on it and "nothing more" "simply that and nothing more".

They are a rather intemperate set over there for they had several kinds of wine and whiskey and also claret punch which was very nice for I drank some of it

June 18th 69

18th This is a duce of a day Hot sultry and I have done nothing all day. I finished reading Foul Play it is excellent novel!

Sultry this horrid weather just keeps a man in a sweat all the time. I am pretty sleepy from last nights operations.

19th There is nothing going on we expect to start this afternoon or tomorrow. The principle thing I did to day was read a book by Marryatt called Snarley. Easy it was just fair and I sat up until nearly twelve oclock reading.

20th Old Wright worked us all up this morning with his "all hands up anchor"

You may guess we were not in very good spirits to jerk an anchor out but she came for all that and now we are under way for I dont hardly know where. We are being towed by two tugs and have the tide in our favor so we get along pretty well. Cape Henry is beginning to be very indistinct behind us.

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I have written a letter home telling them what we are up to and bidding them a final "good by". I pity the people that keep the light house on Cape Henry for it is one arid waste of sand, and I should go blind or die or something of the sort in a short time.

(1 Bell) I should not wonder if we made sail before long, although there is no wind and we would not move a bit if we dropped the log. Hot! is not name for the weather we are having, and we are nearly melted

Tuesday June 23rd

23rd

[illegible]

[illegible] knots.

[illegible] tired [illegible] ter.

I got off the Binnacle List, and the fellows gobbled me for the Quarter Watch that is a regular nuisance this quarter watch all you have to do is to stand there and wait for some body to fall over board and then throw the life buoy to him

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Cold as blazes and we are ... to
look out for ice bergs. saw several
at a great distance this morning
Heavy weather and top sails are
double reefed
Lots of the fellows are
sea sick, Spewing around loose.
I am not as yet and we
have had some pretty heavy weather

July 1st

[illegible]

The cook is always
made with us all [illegible] not
[illegible] the most [illegible]
[illegible], and I felt
like I had a log of soggy bread
for a [illegible] of [illegible]
head.

We have had to take turns
to [illegible] and I think it's
played out.

I made my first [illegible]
anything about [illegible]
[illegible] I think it was really
quite supper [illegible]
not [illegible]

July 2nd

Recital in Seamanship today and
made a very fare recitation on
it but in the middle of it we
lost [illegible] [illegible]
top sails. we put in the second reef
and were going along swiftly.

In the afternoon the wind
shifted and during the first watch they

shook out the reefs and set all the plane sail and made from 8 to ten knots.

3rd Wind off our Starboard bean and making good time.
I occupied the morning in pointing the end of the main top sail boom have it nearly finished.
Latitude at twelve 47.° 22'
Have had some pretty rough weather within the last week but hope we are through with that for the present. The Macedonian signaled to us this morning to know how many were going to Paris. Capt. Harrison signaled back that those that were out of debt and had good conduct might go.
This is Saturday and we don't have any studies today
Longitude 28° 23' and we are 1360 miles from the light house of Lands End.

Sunday. Had general muster and the Articles of War read to us as usual. In consideration of it being the 4th we had "plum duff" and "currant pie" two articles of so much importance I had to record them

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The Macedonian came up about abeam of us and the most of the day was spent in signalling, which we agreed on to suit our amusement among such questions as we wanted to.

Several sail in sight not making anything to speak of. Saw two more, wind a little forward the beam.

We are not going to celebrate the 4 day but will at twelve tomorrow when we will fire a salute of twenty one guns, one national salute.

It is a pleasant day and I could not help comparing it with some fourths to have spent and it did not come out very well by the comparison but then I would not exchange my condition for any one ashore if one could be.

Have mid watch tonight.

Some talk of having Neptune come aboard tomorrow I don't know how true it is or dont care.

I dont think they will dare attempt it though it might cost them their commissions

5th

Blowing a gale.
Reefed topsails. & storm stay sail
But can keep on our course
a very accomodating gale.
No time to write. I tell you
it is Bully fun to be turned out
about two or three oclock to reef.

6th Still blowing No time to write

7th Thought last night the fun was
over but was mistaken and have
still plenty of reefs in.

8th Began to clear away last night
and we made about ten knots
all night. had first watch. the
wind has abated but a big sea running
which plays some great games with the
dishes at the table and with the fellows
sitting there. say a fellows after cursing
the waiters whilst he is trying has succeeded
in getting a cup of coffee, he tastes it
and sets it down it. put in more
sugar and in the mean time he and
~~and~~ the coffee fall nearly across the
table to the infinite delight of the

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Fellow on the other side who has received the contents of the coffee cup and to him once more for I soon see he needs for some more "it will probably be "Coffee till Come Sec"

Lat. at twelve o'clock 49° "
Long. " " 13° 1"
Longitude is getting less some hopes of getting to France some time or other ○

9th Friday and almost a dead calm all day long wind right a stern. Guessing sail on both sides.

The wind all night had a moaning watch sometimes one and at most two knots per hour. So it was proving to be within a hundred miles of land when we found

10th " Wind sprung up in my watch this morning but dead ahead and hardly any of it. Pleasant day. all the Pilot engaged in fowling the ends of the running gear.

Sighted a steamer to day she came quite close to us and hoisted

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Piemen colors.

Quite a number of sail in sight of various kinds, one little Portugese Brigantine can beat us sailing all to pieces. But she is the only craft as yet that we have come across that can come up with us.

Longitude has got down to 8° 55' West for no Long. at all

14th Pleasant day. Light wind and dead ahead. Lat 5° 7' Long. 7° 55' we make longitude very slowly with the wind would further, would rather have a gale than such a wind.

Lots of sail in sight bound to all parts of the world to judge from the colors they bear.

I wish we were in I am getting tired of looking around and seeing nothing but water.

The mate, our Yandy crazy last night, we lashed his hammock up with a lanyard and stuffed it down at every hatch with rope yarn so that it don't look like about as how to make it out we run low so about it and talked about Portuguese Yankings that he used for

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Cashin and was choking him like fun when Leonard went at him and nearly choked him to death for he threw him down and beat his face on the sidewalk, and some of us interfered and he got up and walked off. We are about five miles from Scilly light at noon to day on the port tack and heading about west by west half west. I should like very much to be at home this sunday afternoon.

12th At breakfast this morning we were about East-north and we have been going along that coast all night. Now and then we get a glimpse of the land through the mist. Some of the boys are getting very anxious for land, and for a mile to shore. I got a letter from [illegible] and I am glad to hear all are well. There are lots of craft of all nations [illegible] we are [illegible] and are walking on it as we want to many things by the board.

July 2nd 1864

We are [illegible] last night
and this morning we were d-d
sure aground between the islands
Quarry & Chickamauga like pilot about
[illegible] & [illegible]

We passed [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] land [illegible] a pilot on
out of [illegible] [illegible] are now
at Mt Vernon just [illegible]

[illegible] and anchor last night
and [illegible] [illegible]

We are going [illegible] Vicksburg
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] I
would [illegible] a letter if I went
to Portsmouth.

[illegible]

July 14th 1869

Had some hard work last night the wind was light and we kedged every five minutes.

But we are safe inside the break water now and are at rest for the next ten days.

There was about a dozen washwomen came aboard to do and to hear them chatter is quite amusing.

I am rather disappointed in the looks of Cherbourg. It looks more like the ruins of a place rather than a large city.

I hope they will allow us to go ashore this afternoon for I should like to take a look at the place.

No go ashore to day.

Send down top gallant & royal yards at sun set.

I hope to get ashore to morrow.

June 15th 1869

15th A fine pleasant day, All the Starboard watch that were not going to Paris we allowed to go ashore to day,
I have seventy five dollars due me.
I hope to have a good time in Paris. No ashore for me to day.
D— d if it is not too provoking to have to lay here within a mile of shore and not be allowed to go there.
We are not to go to Paris until ~~friday~~ saturday morning. and to come back friday night.
We are going to make the round trip for ten dollars,

16th All that could get permission went ashore this afternoon and there was a great deal of Champagne drunk I had a B. J. time.

17th We did not have a good time or nothing going to Paris / Oh no. stopping at the Hotel de Rivoli

18th Sunday we did not sleep much last night, It does not seem much like Sunday. I saw a good many curious things Notre Dame

July 17th 1869

Went to the Palace of Luxemburg the first thing picked up a Pilot to show us the way. From there to Ridgeaus Lamb Lowry was taken sick by the way and I brought him right home to the Hotel.

We go home to the ships to night strange to say I am not in a bit of a hurry to get there.

In the afternoon I had a G. J. time. Spent most of the evening in getting ready to come back the train starts at half past nine.

20th Rhode at night long and got aboard ship at about ten o'clock this morning feeling very much used up.

Was when I was looked around ship I believe I could live in Paris on the ship. Had one round and am ready for breakfast this morning.

Capt was put on duty the first thing I came aboard ship.

There was about a dozen of the fellows did not come back when his set; us did and I hear they are all going to be married. Brassuit was caught at his little game of drawing money for Paris and staying in London. (illegible)

July 21st 1869

21st A pleasant day some of the fellows got leave to go ashore and 16 or 18 have come back from Paris.

Dubl & with Clive would go ashore or else go to Portsmouth.

22nd Pleasant nobody ashore to day & wish to gracious we would move.
42 Hands are back from Paris.

We sent the light sails this evening and got the yards ready to go aloft this morning but it is like moving.

I we cant go visit some of our officers get back Baker, Mede, & Wilson are all there in Paris.

Wilson I believe is going to Switzerland on a long trip and is to meet us in Cadez Spain. I should like to go with him.

28nd We got under way this morning about ten oclock and are going across the English channel at a ~~pretty~~ lively pace ~~eight or ten~~ five or Gourknots perhaps.

I want to move fast now and see all we have got to see and get back home in time for some

leave if it is a possible thing.

Baker Fleet-Leonard & Wilson Fleet-came back this morning.

We are in the midst of a heavy fog and have to keep a boy ~~watch~~ going all the time.

I wrote a long letter to Uncle Joseph to day giving him a long discription of my visit to Paris and what I saw and did.

I tell you we just had the B of all the B. of. lines.

I will have to shut up to get back to France again which may be for ages but I hope not be more than one.

I hope we will get back home in time to have some leave for I should like mighty well to have some leave, and see how the folks are getting along at home.

24th [illegible]

24th Continued

At about 10 o'clock we got up the road four and on we went for Portsmouth with a fine breeze.

The Canadian ship was getting all to pieces she just now [illegible] as under the same sail she took in top gallant sails and royals closed up coupers and made to back her mizzen topsail to keep from going past her

Came to anchor about one o'clock in the afternoon in Portsmouth harbor. Visited the Visitor ship with twenty-one guns, & wonder how soon we shall go ashore & want to have a look at old England.

25th Sunday – A good many sailors aboard ship, Pilot comes to the ironclad and brings us the order,

Went aboard "Her Majestie Steam frigate Monarch." She is an iron clad and has not left the docks only a few years ago. Everything was in good order aboard of her,

We are going ashore tomorrow in a boat provided by the Englishers at eight o'clock in the morning to take a look at this dock yard ~~which is so busy~~

26th Continued

26th Next morning I was awaking and looked at this dockyard it is a very fine one I say boys a number of very big ones,

We also went aboard of a number of very fine line of battle ships they were four gun decks,

The Duke of Wellington was the first one on the Victoria we saw the spot where Prisoners Jail, and Rooms to the commander Chief England and Battleships did not have such ships as those others in her yards when she was a boy or Lass.

After seeing all this we went out into the town of Portsmouth to take a look at the inhabitants

I find Lings very much like ours in foreign countries that they are in town, some things are cheaper and some are dearer,

We are told to see a Victoria fair at four o'clock in the afternoon so we did not see as much as we wanted to,

I do not know we are going to sail tonight at twelve o'clock tonight, I dont care much as I like this port longer and also has to see more

2/ 4th Jany 1809

2/ 4th We were a Land out last night & at us the anchor and this morning are trying to beat down the channel but it is very hard work.

I am afraid we wont get there under ten or eleven days at this rate.

28th Wind laid out last night and when it sprung up this morning it was nearly fair, But it did out again and it was almost a dead calm at about four o'clock it sprung up dead ahead, and commenced blowing harder & harder,

So that we took one sail after another and finally had to reef top-sails, I went aloft to help furl the main royal and when I came down I had to wait straight for the round house & crossed the Atlantic [illegible] to get sick in the English channel,

I am glad I have got it all over in the night, There are a good many more fellows six to day than there were ten days ago,

We tacked ship last night under double reefed top-sails, a thing that you don't hear of very often

July 29th 1869

29th A bright morning but the wind has not gone down yet and is still dead ahead, and the pilot says it may blow from the same quarter for eight or ten days which is very pleasant.

Nothing of importance occurred all day and I did not make a thing.

30th Same lacked all day

31st Same all the forenoon Wind changed in the afternoon and we are able to come some where near our course in consequence But I have poor hopes of getting in the under ten days the time I gave her when we started, ten days to go two hundred miles that is d-d fast sailing.

There is nothing going on except the usual round of ships duty.

August 1st 1869

1st A pleasant day and the wind almost fair ~~but~~ and we are in hopes of getting into Brest to night if it keeps up good. I am going to have morning watch to night, and I hope we will get to anchor before that time.

2ed " All safely moored at ten o'clock this morning in Brest.

The Starboard watch goes ashore to day, and the Port watch tomorrow I think it is a regular go as only one watch ashore at a time. Upon second thought it is'nt such a gouge, as I thought it was, for they did'nt start until half past three, and will have to be back, by eight o'clock; whereas we (the Port watch) will have all day to morrow to view the beauties of the dining rooms of Brest; for strange to say, that is all the further I ever get in my perambulations This harbor is the most beautiful one I have seen since I first entered the Navy; Coming in from the rough waters of the Bay of Biscay, we passed between two rocky points, that seemed like two rugged, weather beaten, sentinels guarding the gates of the port against the hungry sea.

After passing through a narrow channel we emerged in the harbor proper; it is almost as round as a basin, being surrounded on all sides by frowning rocks with here and there, a valley opening into the interior, affording delightful glimpses of fresh green fields and dark patches of woodland. At the further end of this basin, lies Brest; down by the waters edge, the houses are plentiful and the streets narrow, above these however are a few scattered villas, perched like birds on the sides of the cliff. Nearly all the houses are painted white, so that they form a pleasing relief to the eyes, standing out as they do in bold relief against the dark background of hills. Standing as I did, on the highest point of these rocks, and looking down on the city, nestling at the base, with the placid waters of the harbor, on which reposed the stately ships of France with their colors idly floating on the breeze, and then gazing out beyond to the blue waters of the Bay dotted by innumerable sails, and gradually lost in the ethereal blue of the heavens, one would be forced to say that few places could excel Brest in

quiet beauty and rugged picturesque scenery.

To descend to the common place once more, I indulged in a hearty supper procured from the bum boat and turned in to dream of Martinsburg, and home.

3rd

It was raining when all hands were called this morning and my mates were very indignant that I should turn out the first day they were to go ashore on liberty. We started up about seven and they allowed us all five hours liberty and all hands went ashore and had a good time. Port is a queer town as it seems to be built on a number of hills and when you are walking along some of the streets you can see the tops of the houses in the street below you about as a bird with the wide wide. I must tell you the town several times but could not do it very remarkable in it.

The people wear wooden shoes and white caps. Fruit is rather cheap you can buy all you want for half a franc. I came off at night after having had a very good time and a square meal which was quite a treasure

Aug. 4th 1865

4th A rainy misty day and we are in no hurry so a few of the fellows got too much cognac around and have been kind of pains in their heads in consequence.

I spent the morning in writing a letter home.

Garrett bought a very nice music box in Brest it represents a ship sailing: just a castle on it never moves only pitches up and down it is covered by a glass case that is painted on the other side to represent waves, clouds and in the distance are the rocks, on the top of the castle is a soldier & when you wind it up the music commences to play and the ship to pitch and the sentinel to walk around, the whole forming a very pretty picture.

We were all hands called to muster ship at about ten o'clock this morning to let go three anchor old buoys and the line & the bow of a steamer we went out of the harbor of Brest. they tow in a different manner from what we do they have two hawsers one from each bridle port and leading to opposite sides of the steamer I think it is an improvement on our plan which is only one hawser and draws a ship kind of side ways. the tugs gave us a good tow out and we started for Cadiz with a fair breeze

August 5th 1869

5th A good breze and we are going along B.T. all right for Cathy.

6th Changed our cours at twelve o'clock today and are now sailing for the Mediars with the wind dead aft!

7th Very much the same

8th Sunday. Lat. 39° 46' Long. 12°39'
Going ten miles or eight knots

9th Monday Lat. 36° 50 Long. 13°
Wind dying out some not making such good time by a very long ways. I am afraid we are going to have that most detestable of all things a calm—
We have studies every day and they give us all the information we can manage dead reckoning plane sailing &c. &c.

Tuesday 4th of Oct 1864

A dead calm and not a bit of wind from any direction. On it is splendid fun. Sly day here and on the sea a smooth as glass stretching away miles & miles & by it is such food as I am not fond of. and the steamer a large iron thing and the water should be pumped. we had more navigation this morning, they gave us five courses to work out.

At about 11 four o'clock a fair calls paws made their appearance and kept coming stronger & stronger and we were going along with a very fair wind at the rate of five or six knots & will get to the islands some time before long. if we keep on.

I heard we have orders to leave the islands by the 20th that may bring us home in time for some Xmas.

Wednesday Aug. 11th

A pleasant day and we are going towards our destination at last and I am very glad of it.

Studies as usual. I had a very bad headach all the afternoon and went and saw the doctor about it he gave me a dose of compound cathartic pills and put me on the list for the night.

They expect to sight the Desertas tomorrow morning about daylight and to be at anchor in Funchal by dinner I hope they will not be disappointed in their expectations. for every day we are out now is a day taken off our leave, that is providing we get any leave at all.

Thursday Aug. 12th 1869

12th A pleasant day sighted land as we expected to this morning and are standing in toward it under all sail at the rate of eight or nine knots

It is very often the case that land, you see at first rising up in the air sticking as it seems right out of the clouds, but on a nearer approach it proves to have a base, the first land you see in approaching from the north is the island called the Desertas it seems to consist of nothing but a large mountainous barren rock sticking up out of the ocean four or five hundred feet, I took at it through a glass and could not see the first sighs of vegetation not a shrub or a sprig of grass were any where to be seen.

About five miles off is the island of Funchal is situated on it is a great deal higher than the Desertas but the ascent is more gradual and

Friday Aug. 13th 11

The first Starboard watch went ashore today

We anchored about the middle of the afternoon yesterday,

And you ought to see the bum boats come flocking around us as thick as flees and to hear the uncouth noises they make

Saturday Aug 14th 09

Second post watch out on to day. I had rather a poor time and did not see any thing to interest me particularly.

Aug. 15th I have been so lazy that I have totally neglected to write any log and am away behind in it.

Aug 16th

Aug 17th

Aug. 18th.

Aug. 19th/09

A hot day I want it understood that if it is not warm it is "hot."

I am on the berth deck coat collar and undershirt off and sweating like a turk how is that for a hot story. how must the poor fellows on shore be getting along glad I am not ashore this hott weather.

this is our seventh day in this blind old port, just old knobby's style stop one or two days at such ports as Portsmouth Cherbourg & Brest and then stay ten or fifteen days in this half civilized place

Our wash all came aboard today and mine was all in good condition and all there for a wonder.

I wish they would stop wearing white pants for mine are nearly all of them dirty and my second wash the one I had my white pants in has not come in yet. White pants look very nice when you are on shore and have nice clean places to sit down in but on board ship where you sit in a dirty greezy camp stool I think for would do.

Aug 20th 69

21st

Friday and a very warm one. We had an order yesterday that we were to go to sea last night- Then 6 hours of flying got done we are at nine o'clock (8 o Bells) out of sight of land.

We got up anchor about twelve o'clock and with a very fair breeze moved out of Madeira harbor. We had the Squadron Drill getting rid of the dogs & every kind of tiny bird themselves all over the ship have spoiled four out and one more made his appearance this morning he was stowed in the launch and turned very glad to see daylight once more.

Our Captives from Madeira are a dogs a monkey a goat and a canary bird.

The Breeze we had when I last started has entirely died out and we are laying here doing nothing & like we won't have it quite in shamrock this morning for I don't feel in any mood to get up long or down on deck you see bad sitting.

But the bright side they are busy stowing the fore deck and cannot land us while on that account.

I hope we will catch those trades that they all talk so much about before long for I would like

have a tremendious old time at any time I am a sailor.

If we can only get in time by or before the twentieth of next month why hurrah for ten days leave, won't it be jolly. I believe I would go home if they only gave me twenty four hours leave.

21st Saturday Lat: 36° 29° it is getting quite warm I wish we did not have to go so far south to reach the trade winds it is so much cooler by the northern passage, and I dislike hot weather. To day being saturday we have no studies but they are making preparations to give us plenty of it 3 soon as the time comes.

I heard to day that Cooke one of the Sent. Gondon. on board this ship said if we got back by the eighteenth we would go on a cruise in the bay, wont that be perfectly awful after taking a cruise all over France & England to come down and cruise Chesapeake Bay will be rather rough. but I hope for the best and hope we may get leave.

Sunday Aug. 22nd

22-9th A fine day and we have got the wheels to be almost made round and are making fair six & seven. It is fine thing they don't touch a face for an eal of perhaps day & days at a time we have all the standing sails and we making most excellent time.

I have what appears to be a boil on my nose and have got on the list with it although I did not want to go on. I have some tablets to take three times a day.

Heads is all in white pants and straw hats this morning being sunday Coons see we are sailing is west by south ¾ south.

Simply this and nothing more

Monday Aug. 23rd

23rd Long. 20° 30' Lat. 27° 30'

We hove to this morning and threw a target overboard and for a boat too, there we fagured off pretty sharply but did not hurt it- in the afternoon we had examining exercise instead of studies we furled and loosed the royals & top gallant sails a number of times.

I wonder what has induced Harrison to give us so much drill all on a sudden. we have not had a bit of drill before this and he seems to have come to the conclusion we are spoiling for some work but he is very much mistaken.

We had all hands trimming ship yesterday and the result was that they moved two of the after guns forward and now the Macedonian sails more down by the head against ~~from~~ as we do before she used to sail twice as fast.

Tuesday Aug. 24th 69

A pleasant day Lat. 27° 9' Long. 22° 13' We had various kinds of exercise with the sails to day such as wind clawing Look the deck and gave the orders. I tell you there was some heavy trading done.

One fellow awaited to set the spanker a flying jib and gave the order "Up flying jib" "Out spanker".

25th Lat. 26° 9' Long. 25° 22'

Almost a calm we have been going too far to the west and we [illegible] for it by every means.

[illegible] we are while to day we [illegible] and the ship in dirty [illegible] order.

Rigby of course we have had through they had the second class ex

Flying was an order passed which exempts us from night-watch

Sunday 25th 69

Lat. 24° 6' 4" Long 27° 13"

Nothing of much importance going on. We are making very good little head if Captain Hedrington does not stop to fire at targets again we may get home some time or other I still keep hoping we may get news but it is hoping against hope I am afraid. we beat tumbling ship yesterday first hauling all hands off and then found the result of it all was

~~Lat. 24° 4' Long. 31° 1'~~

Very sick Hardy Latham of cable out of the hold and put it up forard in manger. we had two more sails at yesterday from the Seaconsian and the boat left coming down on us

Lat. 24° 47' Long. 31° 1'

Going along at a fine rate steadily with fair wind keep it up for the remainder of week we might think of seeing land or at least homeward bound

Saturday Aug. 28th

Lat. 24° 12' Lo. 34° 0'

[illegible] hope it will keep up for [illegible] a great many to get home.

Aug. 29th

Sunday a very hot day [illegible] what sailor would to day [illegible] not to [illegible] so it [illegible] I hope it will freshen up before long [illegible] first and second classes are in great trouble about what place they shall occupy on board the ship and they have very near known a number of nights but it has blown over now and they seem to have settled it to their satisfaction although at one time it was almost sure they would have a mill [illegible] Pidgen [illegible] of the [illegible] Foreign [illegible]

Monday Aug. 30th

Lat. 23° 51' Long. 37° 18'

This is provoking: hardly making a thing & have not much faith in these trade winds if this is the way they are going to serve us.

Read genral quarters for about an hour this morning.

Lieut. Commdr. Cook gave me a four (4) in Seamanship this afternoon that will do my average a great deal of good for this month.

31st Extremely same Long. Otherwise only a light cotton and we do not make a mile on this spell we just lay here and roll.

2nd Same as last yet Wednesday

2nd Lat. 23° 1' Long. 37° 25'

2nd This is delightfull Lazing here in mid ocean & now look of it but it's a hot one. Cotton spot the log at 12 Oclock Wept very much fond of this kind of weather

Thursday Sept. 2nd

Better than Blazes last time was a little wind squall of last night and that awakes fifteen hundred sleeping about ships or six knots. we are in the land [illegible] about the most of sailors in the hammock nettings it is of course plain and it is much more pleasant to sleep than in my berth

Lat. 21° 17' Long. 18° 24'

9th " The first and second classes are in great trouble about the different parts of the ship they shall occupy the second class went to Frankelin about it and he has assigned us the third class the best place in the ship. We are going like the blazes now if we can only keep it up we beat the Macedonian last night so bad that we had to take in sail and wait for her to come up to us.

Lat. 21° 8' Long 41° 58'

Saturday Sept. 4th

Lat 21° 42' Long. 45° 48'

Now is that for a fast rate of sailing two hundred and nine (209) miles since twelve o'clock yesterday.
I hope we may keep it up.

Sunday Sept. 5th.

Hot as the old harry, but we are making good time and expect to get some cooler this or other.

Lat. 22° 19' Long 49° 6'
Capln. Harrison read the service to us as usual this morning.

6th Weather still very warm.
Lat. 22° 47' Long 51° 31'
The wind is not quite so strong as it has been and as a natural consequence we do not move so fast.
We set down our old mizen top sail this morning and cut down a new one also a new top gallant sail, they are preparing for the coming excitements.
I may note that this will soon remove from the South Trade and bring us clear up the ~~Coast~~ Bay and into Annapolis with all studding sails set.

Tuesday 7th 09

Lat. 22° 41' Long. 54° 49'
The water is still very warm, and we have also a fine sale of flying fish. Have seen more and can hear them in the night. Have had a glimpse of land.

8½ Lat. 23° 17' Long. 57° 33'
Still very warm we do not have night dates now and we spend our evenings in playing chess checkers backgammon & euchre. We sighted an American ship this morning, she is a Yankee and bound for Boston, she is a neat looking craft and has a large gilt eagle on her stern.

7½ Lat. 23° 41' Long. 60° 6'
Squally and the wind is very uncertain, continually shifting I don't think it will last much longer this trade wind, only sixteen more degrees of longitude to make.
We had one pretty lively little squall this evening took all studding sails and top gallant sails & royals

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Friday Feb. 10th

10th It was quite squally last night but has cleared up now (at noon) I do not know when I ever saw it rain so hard as it did this morning, we were all engaged in catching fresh water three of us have two twenty gallon kegs full & should think that was water enough to last home. Lat 24° 31' Long. 62° 28'

11th

Lat. 25° 21' Long. 64° 03'

A very warm day There was a tremendious rain storm in the third watch last night

12th Lat 26° 24' Long. 64° 20

Sunday and a very warm day, we are nearly becalmed going about one or two knots

13th Lat. 27° 19' Long. 64° 31'

a breeze but a very slight has sprung up dead ahead, any kind of a breeze is preferable to no breeze at all

Tuesday Sept. 14th

Lat. 28° 57' Long. 67° 28'

The wind has hauled around so that we can head on our cours NW by N once more we have been going along gaily and are in hopes of seeing the shores of America once more, we have been making very good time lately nine ten knots are common things on our log book now, and if we can only keep them so for five or six days why I shall begin to get ready to go home.

15th Lat. 31° 13' Long 70° 44'

B. J. this is and if we can only keep it up for two days more we ll be at anchor some-where. We were six hundred and thirty miles from the cape at noon to day and have been making eight to ten knots all day.

16th Lat. 34° 03' Long. 73° 11'

We still keep our good wind and are in hopes of seeing land tomorrow night. It is true it is not so strong as it was

16th Continued

yesterday but I think it will hold out whilst we get into some where

17th There was a large bird hawk flew aboard yesterday and dipped on board it was secured

The water has begun to change color now a very pretty blue it has got to be a kind of green this is our way we are all in a fever to know whether we will get land or not. We are now one hundred & ten miles from land yesterday at twelve o'clock

Lat. 35° 59' Long. 75° 22'

We have parted company with the Macedonian she hoisted our signal to go and Carson gave it to us last night this morning she is out of sight we are now in sight of a ship & 3 brigs. There are 2 vessels in sight brigs barks &c. &c.

The wind is not very good but we are having no rain which is a blessing

The log since noon has ranged from three to seven knots an hour to-day we will get in in a couple of days.

Saturday 18th /69

We picked up two pilots & lay and lay broadside to very bad seas.

We passed a sailing vessel the Saxon hanging to when we

We are surrounded clouds & blue Roads

Anchored in the Roads at about one oclock P.M. the Macedonian got in about four hours ahead of us Did not beat us so bad as she expected to, She signaled to us on leaving that she expected to see us about next Thursday.

Sunday Sept. 19th /69

We had beef steak this morning is about the most important piece of news We have almost given up talking about here. There is a rumor afloat that we are to lay here until the 28th and then start for Annapolis I dont know how true it is and sincerely hope that there is not a bit of truth in it.

Monday Sept. 20th 09

A pleasant day, and we have orders to send in a limited wash, I hardly know what to make of it we surely are not going to lay here a week.

We all went ashore this morning. there was a game of base ball 2 on first class nine played a nine that the soldiers have.

We got beat very bad the score standing twenty nine to twelve

21st Tuesday. got under way at noon to day and floated with the tide down nearly to Willoughby Spit light, but the Fort is still in sight. we had to come to an anchor because the tide was taking ashore, and there was not a breath of wind

we kept all sail set until evening waiting for a breeze that did not come.

There was a report that we were to get under way in the night but it did not amount to any thing.

Wednesday Sept. 22nd

We got the anchor up and down this morning before breakfast set all sail &c just for exercise we are going to exercise for the rest of the year here in the bay.

Thursday Sept. 23rd

23rd Weather still very warm, and we still lay at anchor, we are expecting a tug to help us up to Annapolis I dont much like this way of doing things it is entirely too slow for me.

Tug hove in sight just now at seven bells in morning watch land time half past seven. Tug only took outside the bar and left us with a fare wind
2 up the bay.

24th We came clear up the bay during the night and anchored this morning off West river which is about ten miles from Annapolis. but we are out of sight of the venerable city.

Saturday Sept. 25th /65

We got up anchor this morning with the intention of anchoring again just in sight of Annapolis but as we were clewing up the top-sails they signalled to us from the Sardine to come inside, an order we were very glad to obey.

We went aground twice while we were coming in and it took both tugs to get us off.

But finally about twelve o'clock we dropped the starboard mud hook. All the Plebes were up in the main top looking out for us. it was amusing to see them coming down from aloft when the drum beat for dinner. they handled the shrouds as if they thought they would break them.

I am not going to get a bit of leave, and and very sorry for it. I hear we are not going to go ashore until the thirtieth of the month. It will be very hard work if they make us stay here for four or five days.

Sunday Sept. 26th 69

A rainy sunday it is some time since I have seen a rainy sunday We have done nothing but lay still all day. Macedonian landed in and moved on the 27th + 28th Transmak up the 28th + 29th Came ashore on the 29th Knocked Off because I have got ashore and there is nothing more to write about. Oct. 18th 1869

The Jockey Hat

(1) As I was walking out one day for pleasure, one morning in the weather of the
I saw a pair of roguish eyes with a fine feather
She looked at me I took it back, it made my heart go pit-a-pat
And turning round she said to me how do you like my hat

(Chorus)

I said its gay and pritty too, and they look well together
Those glossy curls & Jockey Hat with the Rooster's feather

(2) She wore a handsome broadcloth basque cut out in the latest fashion
With flowers all around her dress which made it look quite dashing
Her height & air & rosy cheeks she smiled the pavement went all pat-
I'll never forget the smile I saw beneath that Jockey Hat

(Chorus)

(3) I'm kissed her hand and said au revoir and then I was a goner
Before I'd time to say good bye she was around the corner
I could not sleep a bit that night so up in bed I sat —
And right before my face I thought I saw that Jockey Hat

(Chorus)

Life on the Ocean Wave

(1) We don't go to sea, but every night we dig
Coal into our ship and the way it rolls
Makes us sea sick, but we don't say so

(2) Bell is heard both great & small
Down the main hatch look out for your
Inspection breakfast & pipe to down
Clean up your stations on deck with a sun

(3) If seven bells sound by the day light
Be careful not the deck pumps are not left
Keep in the sun or else like me brown
Watches will end and to you go home

(4) Rise up and lay out, stand aye to my in
Lay down from aloft, more scrubbers give us,
"Get off my fingers", "look out for your head",
"There dirt in my eyes", "why I'm nearly dead".

Life at the Naval Academy.

111 Oh life at the Naval Academy
Is grand in the morning and
So are the afternoons and
The long the fourth year loved
Like an angel loved by some
Are the poor unfortunate days there
They are out of keeping as down
And censure all our deeds

One night when Tecumseh was on
We agreed to raise a "row"
And as soon as the bells had gone
We began a regular row row
We did not say the court called on us
So as to be found the scamps
We instituted the mess
By publishing the order "stamps"

The spirit of insubordination
Grew round had grown too large
To be checked by a single mate
And a sleepy Officer in Charge
So they gave us a long detail
And additions to the routine were made
But all these attempts seemed to fail
In making the Midshipmen afraid.

The Jolly Tar

He was a jolly tar and love the sea
He wore wide breeches wide and free
And always took to Grog
And blessed his eyes in sailor wise
And never disliked his prog

He strode the gallant Tar
Whilst walking up and down
The heaving sea has pitched me
And tossed me very brown
And here I go in these new clothes
To cruise around the town

The first of all the various things
That claimed his eye to greet
As this undaunted Tar
Went sailing down the street
Was tippity with a little cane
A dandy all complete

When stopped the Jolly Tar
And eyed the strange swell
What might he be he said
To cause that I can tell
For never before on sea or shore
Was such a heavy swell

Continued

He met a lady in her carpo
And then she heard him hail
From his any light-but how a sight-
To manage in a gale
I never saw so skilful a craft-
Did such a pass of sail

He saw a plumber on a roof
Who made a mighty stir
Pitched him down the middle mast
To members all a sailor grin
To see your colyer bottoming
Your upper decks will line—

He met a yellow headed man
And asked about the way
But not a word could be made out
Of what the chap would say
Unless he meant to call him names
By screaming Liz per stay

The Heart knows only One

The Landsman tell you true who roam
In every boundless clime
In every shore can find a home
In every port a bride
And not sweet maid the idle prate
They utter such telling proof
To prove the heart of the Landsman
Which beats alone for true

What though the storm our bark assails
The needle trembling veers
When night adds terror to the gale
And not a star appears
True to the pole as true to you
His faithful soul will prove
In unison Each throb of constancy
Each of a Landsmans love

Then turn from what the Landsman say
Who would they faith beguile
They seize the time when we're away
To practice every wile
Her beauty bright our eyes may love
We mark its influence shine
But though the eye has many a love
The heart has only one

Alice's Conversion

[illegible]
[illegible] had it was queer
He never had been to sea
[illegible]
He never had been a-sea
From the morning gun to 4
By the sound of the [illegible] motor
As it left for the Devil Dare

He never had heard a [illegible]
A scrubbing night-cap [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

He never had [illegible]
Growing [illegible]
And [illegible] right over the bulwarks
[illegible]

[illegible]
Thought [illegible]
But he [illegible] he was [illegible]
But he [illegible]
And [illegible] he was sick
[illegible]
And his [illegible] were all in his head-

Six Bells. call to study

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] six
[illegible]
From the Chinese ships
[illegible]
Could quickly be piped out
All ready for the night
And "what" you "ma'am six" in grown old
So soon we will ~~visit~~ [illegible]
Right around the old ship
Once more we will be singing the old

Chorus

Oh hear the sweet voice of the bell
And the sailor words whistle + murmur
Ding a dong ding come all young now
'Tis study hours and you must all bow

The Bells call to Heaven

Oh Shipmate dear Shipmate
Well skylark sweet song
The tide on the shore is dark blue
Our boat sways with skill
But we will not leave it
For night has fallen on us
During this time
We will do as we please
If the winds we fell not have a dread
But when the bell strike
We must all leave it
Unless upon leave to the head

Chorus

Oh hear the sweet voice of the dame.
And see the maids scatter and run
Tap. Tap. Tap. Tap him in for a fell
Sleep now your days work is done

The Shanty by the Sea

Many days now pass before me
Scenes & days of long ago
Like a nightingale there are me
All the tones of yesty yore
Every that was full of sorrow
Like my soul was yours & free
Fancifully shading every dismal beat-
In the Shanty by the sea

Fancy sees old Johnson coming
Through the partly open door
In her face the same expression
That it wore in days of yore
And I hear him softly saying
As his finger points to me
I will find my recitation-
In the Shanty by the sea

What though years may still come over
Things I've loved I still adore
But I never shall forget the
River, till I cease to roam
When my thoughts to the are turning
Where my dazzled eyes see
All the "2, 3's" that you gave me
In the cottage by the sea

The Sailor

The sea is dark wrapped up in misty veil
From below comes up merrily the sound of the flute
The mermaides are happy and merry below
And care not for rains nor fierce winds that blow

The night is tempestuous raging & cold
We are told & we know it our friend is at sea
But the ship on her course flies swiftly along
For our Captain's a sailor & knows it is not wrong

Though the sea is above looks angrily near
Though the flashes of lightning show a coast bleak & drear
We know not for God's our protector & guide
And with us our friend we fear dangers defied

Now by the time you all the days over at home
And wonder if the think of me all alone
Of me when I am far far away on the deep
While the wind & the billows to rock me to sleep

In the Last Section

Goggles now in triumph cries
All the last section
Close inspect each topic through
Lest it need correction
Mr. S. now let us see
Where an A mark should be
A title page in order try to be
In the last section
Mr. V. read what you have
And listen well the section
Horse rally in all your work
I cannot have the last connection
Take your seat first class
And let another take your place
For your work is a disgrace
To the last section

The Middie & his Buttons

I saw the ships at play
On the main as it went
And I saw in the window
As they came down the street
I peeped through the blinds
And the sight made me giddy
As I gladdened my eyes
With the sight of a Middie

On the anchors were so radiant
And the buttons shone so bright
That my heart beats quickly now
When I think of that sight
For upon it the crest
Where no captain could see
I saw a gallant Middie
Throwing kisses at me

He met me the 1st
And the buttons shone so bright
He called me a beauty
And I blushed with delight
He knew me at once
I remembered his face
And sweetly he smiled
When he asked me to wait

Continued

How we waited 'neath the lindens
Till long after sunset
And the sweet words he spoke
I shall never forget
I was as happy as a bird
And I guess so was he
As my darling young middie
Threw kisses at me

Now he's gone from my sight
And I see him no more
Yet I think of him oft
And the visions he wore
I dream all the night
And I talk all the day
Of my boy of a middie
So handsome & gay

Bidding Song

See the dreadful hour approaching
Joseph seated on his throne
Now poor Biddies now lamenting
Stand & hear your dreadful doom

See the word he now is writing
Followed by hypocritical pain
While in anguish Mids. lamenting
That they have no chance again

Yonder sits the startled Joseph
With his marks of bidding down
Oh that I had bootlicked
When I saw these marks put down

Now poor Biddies look & tremble
Joseph, Jonny and you must part
Louder than a clap of thunder
Hear the dreadful word — I dont!

Old Horse, Old Horse!

Old Horse Old Horse what brought you here
From Saguenock to Portland Pier
Your carted stones this many a year
Until killed by stones and your abuse
They have rolled you down for sailors use
The sailors they to you despise
They have you cuss and damn your eyes

Midshipman Drilling.

Sweet Elsie said with pleasing eyes
Dear Willie tell me (will you)
The words I've heard your Captain say
I should so like to drill you.

What Elsie pet you take command
Well Elsie I'm quite willing
In such a company as yours
I can't have too much drilling

Stand over there and sing out, "Dear"
Like this. "Square stand at ease".
Oh Willie you'll wake Papa up
Dont shout like that please dear

I stand at ease like this, you see
And then I scarce need tell you
The next command you'll have to give
Is, the, squad "Attention!"

Now Elsie smartly after me
Your sure dear it dont hurt you
Forward march "Halt," "front: Right-Dress
There now I'm clear before you

Present arms well it does look odd
(For dear Willian I'd tittle)
We hold our arms right out like this
I'm drilling without the rifle

(Continued)

Now say salute your Officer
Oh Willie for shame how could you
I thought you were at some trick
You horrid cheating Kid you

Willie ordered arms without comment
She smoothed her rumpled hair
Pouted & frowned and blushed, then
said "As you were"

The Navy

I came a young plebean
With just a dozen shirts
With a face unknown to whiskers
And a coat devoid of skirt

Our knowledge I was sent
For learning I did want
To the Navy I was sent
To see the Elephant

This animal is some, sir
I so scrutinized him through
From trunk to tip of tail, sir
And I rather think I'll do

Oh the Navy is the place, sir
For jollity and fun
For four years take your ease, sir
Repent when you are done

I'll Annapolis now I leave you
To brest the waves of life
I am going to serve my country
And love a darling wife.

Midshipmans Song

Come share tobacco freely
And pass the pipes around
We'll have a jolly time tonight—
Before were homeward bound

Now all ye gallant middies
Who are going on a furlough
Come sing a song of home
We are going home

Our sweethearts are waiting
With eyes so brown with love
To welcome us back home again
From an absence of two years
With glad love & our bosoms
Beat time & square away
Jubilation Port & Starboard
Broadsides pour in like rain

And now comes the sharp wording
From eyes so soft and brown
She gasps and tries to be cross
She strikes "shes" down "shes" down"
Now put your helm a starboard
And when she comes to port—
Then put your helm amidships
Now steady that the sort—

Song to Our Navy

Messmates fill your glasses well and pass the pipe around
I'm going for a song to sing, of sentimental sound
Here's honor to our Navy & its gallant heroes too
Who fought & bled for liberty, to end Britain to subdue

Chorus

Then fill well us a pledge the cup
To stand our good ship by
And ere we lag or douse our flag
To conquer or to die

In revolution wars & battles as middies all must know
How generous Hero from Paul Jones upon the sea did go
And his dear men many, did fall low in his track
To nail old Neptune of our foes all for this countries sake

Chorus

Columbia gave to Tripacanoe a taste overly tough
That Yankees were not made for slaves, but to be masters of
Proved enough too on Lake Erie and Hull upon the sea
Unfurled unto the gladdened breeze our flag of victory

Chorus

I shed manly tears, for Lawrence who died a Heroes death
And curse be the cowards who sped his dying breath
As on the deck the dying lay, with pleading look he said
Boys don't give up the ship to them or what till I am dead

Chorus

His words at Perry's main mast unfolded far & wide
Struck terror to the British Fleet upon Lake Coverdale
He thinks I see his banner now the mystic flag that bore
A motto which will not forget, till time is all be o'er

Chorus

Tune to our Navy (continued)

It led besides the stars and stripes and hue in Service
To day their blades in Spanish blood
We'll let it then our watchword be, and ever come what
We will honor Captain Lawrence his example emulate

Chorus

Pledge one full cup to Stewart too, who is Commander
He nobly won his laurels, we'll add to those he wore
Although his hulk is on the shelf, and his
His spirit still is with us, as those of all our gallant sailors

Chorus

Hray Bancroft though a Landsman became the pioneer
He gave us our Academy and so we will praise him too
Come pipes sound with pig tail too and put your throat in tune
Fill round again your glasses unto the very brim

Chorus

And lastly but the most of all we will drink to Washington
The father of his country & the boast of each true son
Twas he to launch the ship of State and guide it on to war
Till weary of weary of this mortal life he mingled with the sky

Chorus

Now join with me all ye Middies to drop an honest tear
To the memory of the gallant foes who have passed to patriots bier
And bring our chorus to a close with honors to the brave
Let notice to the starry flag that of the peaks shall wave

Chorus.

Middies Alphabet

A Stands for Academy, Naval of course
Ruled by the Almighty and Tecty for worse.

B Stands for Blenkenburg, Billy, and Ben
Whose virtues I can hear write with a pen

C Stands for Cobbin "Cy" by many we know.
As a Yankee from Maine that should be below.

D Stands for Dixon whom I'm inclined to believe
Knows bits of Ethics and is gorged by all Profs.

E Stands for empty which is never the case
With Guard room "Brig," or any other quiet place.

F Stands for "forage" as well as "forty"
Known only to Middies for many a day.

G Stands for Guard Room, a nice airy place.
Where the Midshipmen retire from the world a short space.

H Stands for Hann, a victim well known
To all luckless Plebes who come here to hone.

I Stands for island a nice secret palate
Made at night when there is no one to watch).

J Stands for Jenkins who departed this life
For a guard without oats: both he & his wife.

K Stands for Kenney a man of good fame
Whom one cannot gossip but get caught at the game.

L Stands for Lull, a man of great ease
Who reads any Middie by the word of his face.

M Stands for Mason whose often called "Tad"
Who is noted for running the Marion into the mud.

N Stands for Navy, the pride of the land
Made by the Middies who consider themselves grand.

O Stands for omnipotent - namely the League
The foe of politicians the fear of all Profs.

(Continued)

P Stands for Pilgrims a lesiable race
And for Patricians who are of great fa.
2 Stands for Guardian of liberal hearts
& Liberty which is a boast exhaling fact.
R Stands for Rogue so might & great
Tho valiant ay for his country to fight.
S Stands for Slander out of the mouth
But a stand for yourself as you walk.
T Stands for letter & also with
a After an exception you in the sea.
U Stands for useless, which is not the case
To build Ships in days to come is a face.
V Stands for Worden a man of great fame
Who commanded the Monitor in the fight with the Merrimac
X Stands for Xerxes an ancient General
Renowned in all ages, & known by all very well
Y Stands for your self & then a pot of tea
If milk toast & potatoes scarcely get any
Z Stands for zeal of a virtuous creation
He often get one for a bad recitation

Man Overboard

"There a man overboard" "Fire a pistol any at sea"
"Back in the after yards" "Put the helm a lee"
"Luff up into the wind" "Quick!" "Heave her to"
"Pass the word for the watch" "and summon all the crew"

"There a man overboard" "Cut the life buoy adrift"
"The tide has him off" "See how fearfully swift
"Let go a boat" "cut the gripes with a knife"
"Lend a hand with a will" "Stop the stake is a lift"

One cheer to sustain him, now bend to your oars
Pierce the blue water, and loud the gale roared
Their signal is answered a faint cry is heard
Now they lay their strong sinews but say not a word

Ha they see his dark form as it rises to view
While loudly they cheer him their efforts renew
They grasp him, he faints! but the body is saved
His comrades say God be praised, God be praised

Proverbs

A red sky at morning
Is a sailors warning
A red sky at night
Is a sailors delight
Long foretold long last
Short notice soon passed

To Prove that 2 equals 1

(1) Let $a = 1$

(2) " $x = a$ multiply equation (2) by $x =$

$x^2 = ax$ subtract a^2 from both answers =

$x^2 - a^2 = ax - a^2$ factoring $= (x+a)(x-a) = a(x-a)$

dividing by $x-a = x+a = a$ or $x+1 = 1$, $x = 1$

and $(1+1) = 1$ ∴ $2 = 1$

which was to be proved.

Proverbs

The evening red and the morning gray
Are sure signs of a fair day
But the evening gray and the morning red
Makes a sailor shake his head

When the sun sets before the wind
Your top sail reefing you must mind
But when the winds before the rain
You may hoist your top-sails up again

When the sun sets in a clear
And easterly wind you need not fear

The Sailors Grave

There is in the lone churchyard
A spot unmarked but holy
For there the gallant and the free
In his ocean bed is lowly
Down down beneath the deep
That oft in triumph bore him
He sleeps a soft and peaceful sleep
Till the soft waves sleep over him

He sleeps sweet & safe
From tempest and billow
Tho storms that lash above his cave
Soon rock his peaceful pillow
The sea and him in death
They did not dare to sever
It was his home when he had health
Tis now his home forever.

The Dying Soldier.

Call my shipmates around my hammock
For I feel I'm dying now
Life is fast departing from me
Death's cold damp hand is on my brow
Soon I'll cross the narrow river
Soon I'll view the shining shore
Where with bright celestial spirits
I shall dwell for ever more

Draw up shipmates, draw up nearer
Pleasant hours I've spent with you
Since we rallied round the standard
Of the "red" the "white" the "blue"
Now my cruise of life is ended
Death will close my brief career
Yet my hopes are placed in heaven ....
And I trust to meet you there

Now my shipmates listen to me
I have much that I would say
Since my last my dying message
To the loved ones far away
To my friends of early childhood
Dearer far than tongue can tell
Give to them my dying blessing
And their "Middies" last farewell.

"Continued."

Tell my father that I thank him
For his kind advice to me
For his warning and his counsel
Ere I sought the raging sea
Tell him that his kind instructions
Have by me been forgot
But are treasured in my memory
Every lesson that he taught

Tell my mother I remember
All her tenderness and care
Tell I know I'm not forgotten
In the prayers for evening prayer
Tell her that I ask forgiveness
If I ever caused her pain
Tell her that I trust the prayers
For me have not been in vain

My parents now are growing feeble
Soon from earth they will pass away
Tell my brother never to leave them
But to be their stay and stay
Tell him to cheer their foothpaths
Make their cares and burdens light
And live so that when life is ended
We shall meet where all is bright.

"Continued."

Tell my sister that I love her
She was ever kind to me
Always knew my earthly sorrow
Always shared my boyish glee

The Last Sinner

When the world was flooded at the "Deluge" one man more daring or desperate than the rest had perched himself on the highest peak of the Alleghany mountains but the water kept rising and at length reached his arm pits just at this moment the Ark hove in sight when she hailed it and the following took place while it was raining

Sinner - "Ark Ahoy"

Noah - "Hello"

Sinner - "Heave too and take a fellow aboard"

Noah - "See you d-d first"

Sinner - "Well go to h-l then it is only going to be a little rain shower any how"

Why is a young gent who gives a lady a young dog like a young man riding up hill

Ans. Because he gives a yldop up (A gal a pup).

What is a boy born Con. hardly as soon as the

Why is an Elephant like a Wheelbarrow: ans, because neither can climb a tree

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

What I'd do for her

I'd cry for her, I'd sigh for her.
I'd dive in the Hudson dry for her.
I'd pawn my [illegible] for her,
I'd make the [illegible] for her,
I'd [illegible] I'd do those for her.
I'd get sore eye, to nurse for her.
I'd leap for her I'd weep for her.
I'd go bottom my shirt for her.
I'd fight for her I'd bite for her.
I'd walk the streets all night for her.
I'd plead for her I'd bleed for her.
I'd go without my head for her.
I'd shoot for her. I'd boot for my
Rival who'd come to loot for her
I'd kneel for her I'd steal for her
Pinch in the nose I feel for her
I'd slide for her I'd ride for her
I'd swing against the little for her
I'd pay for her I'd buy for her
But [illegible] me if I'd die for her

The Snow

1st

O! the snow, the beautiful snow
Filling the sky and earth below
Over the house-tops over the street
Over the heads of the people you meet—
Dancing
Frisking
Skimming along
Beautiful snow! it does no harm
Slipping to kiss a fair ladies cheek
Clinging to lips in a frolicsom freak
Beautiful snow from the heavens above
Pure as an angel, gentle as a dove

2nd

O, the snow, the beautiful snow
How the flakes gather and laugh as they go
Whirling along in the maddening fun
It plays in its glee with everyone
Chasing
Laughing
Hurrying by
It lights on the face, and it sparkles the eye
And the dogs with a bark and a bound
Snap at the crystals that eddy around
And the town is alive and its voices all join
To welcome the coming of beautiful snow

Continued

3rd Once I was pure as the snow - but I fell
Fell like the snow flake from heaven to hell
Fell to be trampled as filth in the street
Fell to be scoffed, to be spit on, and beat
Pleading
Crying
Pleading to die
Selling my soul to whom would buy
Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread
Hating the living, and dreading the dead
Merciful God, have I fallen so low
And yet I was once as the snow white snow

4th Once I was white as the beautiful snow
With an eye like its crystal a heart like its
Once I was loved for my innocent grace
Flattered and sought for the charms of my face
Fallen
Fallen
Soiled all
God and myself cast out by them all
And the gilded wretch that tempted me
Will make a wide mouth at my shame
For all that's on, or above me, I know
There is nothing so pure as the beautiful snow

Continued

For shame it should be that the beautiful
Should fall for a time with no one to get
For shame it should be when the night comes again
To the moon and the ice shrieking my desperate pain

Fainting

Freezing

Dying now

Too wicked to pray to work for a moan
To be heard in the shade of the crazy old town
Gone mad in the joy of the moon coming down
To sit down and die in my lonely woe
With a bed and a shroud of the beautiful snow

A Sailors Life for me

A home on the rolling deep
A life on the boundless sea
Where the waves never sleep
A sailors life for me
Some dwell on the land
They say they love its hills
Its gushing dales, its hills & dells
And gentle ever running rills

But give me the ocean roar
The restless rolling sea
I love not the listless shore
A sailors life for me
My foot on a firm set plank
Then let the wild wind shout
I love to sweep o'er the flowing deep
When the tempest king is about

Some love to list while the ladies sing
Amid the festive crowd
I love the music of the wind
As it whistles through the shrouds
Swift as the wind to flee
Neriah for a tide, o'er the rushing tide
A race with the raging sea
Oh this is the life of the brave
And this is the home of the free
A life on the ocean wave
A grave in the dark blue sea

Norah O'Neal

(1) I am lonely lonight love without you
I sigh for one glance of your eye
For there's a charm love about you
I feel it wherever you are
Like the beam of the star when it's rising
So the glance which your eye can't conceal
And your voice is so sweet and beguiling
That I love you sweet Norah Oneal

(2) Oh the nightingale sings in the wildwood
As if every note that he knew
He'd learned from thy sweet voice in childhood
To remind me sweet Norah of thee
But I think love so often about you
And you don't know how happy I feel
For I'm lonely lonight, love without you
My darling sweet Norah Oneal

(3) But why should I weep tears of sorrow
Oh why let it hope love its place
For I'll meet you my darling tomorrow
And smile on your beautiful face
Will you meet me Oh say will you meet me
Will I a kiss at the end of the wand
Oh just promise my darling to meet me
And I'll never be lonely again

Guard ,, Duly

(1) The shades of night were falling fast
As long his lonely beat he paced
A unfortunate Kid. was carried a gun
And to himself did often hum
Guard Duly

(2) His face was bright his cap was blue
His eye looked bright and weary too
But still he strode along and swore
And said that same Prune once more
Guard Duly

(3) Aboard the ship he saw the light
Gleam through the port so wide & bright
And on his glistening bayonet shone
And from his lips escaped again
Guard Duly

(4) Oh come another gay Kid. said
And get a Plebe to take your stead
A load stood in his bright blue eye
He shook his head and with a sigh said
Guard Duly

Swinging in the Lane

(1) How oft we talk of childhood's joys
And tricks we used to play
Upon each other while at school to
To pass the time away
But oh how often do I sigh
For those bright days again
When little Rosa Bell and I
Went swinging in the lane

(2) The boys and girls would sometimes go
A fishing in the brook
With spools of thread for fishing lines
And bended pins for hooks
They sometimes wished me with them
But always wished in vain
Id. rather be with Rosa Bell
A swinging in the lane

(3) But oh a cloud of trouble came
A nice young man from town
Was introduced to Rosa Bell
By Virginny Brown
She slaid away from school one day
The truth to me was plane
She'd gone off with that city chap
A swinging in the lane

(11) Now all young men with tender hearts
A warning take by me
Don't be so quick to fall in love
With every girl you see
For if you do you surely find
As I have had my pain
She'll go off with some city chap
A swinging in the lane

Chorus
But I would give the world to be
With Rosa Nell again
I never never shall forget
Our swinging in the lane.

Finis

A neighboring paper writes Mandolette
Plane Cheat.

The 3rd Section in Grammar

(1) Hark the drum is slowly rolling
'Tis our Grammars morning call
Hasten fellows quickly fall in
Face to front toe line & all

(3) Now the school is greatly buzzing
Boggles comes with mighty shicks
"Close that noise!" "Stop that grumbling"!
"Shut that door!" "is open wide

(4) For the mighty conqueror comes
Hangs his coat upon the peg
Opens book and then begins
"Mr. Barnes put down your leg

(5) For while this sentence lasts
Of the picture there is no talking
Mr. Brown stop breaking chairs
Dixon take the rules for spelling

(6) Then with conquerors shrewd look
While with fear the section grunts
And another glance at book
To see who next a ZERO takes

(7) Now Epps name is now called out-
Take this sentence if you please
While his features filled with doubt-
Which together go his knees

18) Goggles rises hair up straight
Livingston's sentence is quite wrong
For you have your predicate
Where the subject should belong

19) For the drum is slowly purring
Goggles casts a vacant look
As with coals we fast are hurrying
Section leader grabbs his book
And Goggles leaves

What is the height of patience &
perseverance
Ans. Trying to roast an ox
under a running gear

If you want a kiss, take it

(1) There's a jolly saxon proverb
That is guilty much like this
That a man is half in heaven
When he has a woman's kiss
But there is danger in delaying
Good the maiden may restore it
So I tell you ere she leaves you
If you want a kiss why take it

(2) Never let another steal a march on you in this
Never let a dancing maiden
Get you waiting for a sign
There's a royal way of kissing
And the jolly ones who make it
Have a motto that is winning
If you want a kiss, take it

(3) Any fool may face a cannon
Any body wear a crown
But a village must win a woman
If he'd have her for his own
If you have the golden apple
You must find the tree and shake it
If the treasure is worth the having
And you want a kiss why take it

Continued

(4) He would turn upon a desert
With a forest smiling bye
He would give his sunny summer
For a bleak and wintry day
Oh & tell you thine is no guilt
And you cannot crack it!
For the sweetest part of living
Is to want a kiss and, take it

When is a Young Mans arm like
Lord Goshen
Ans. When it maketh glad the house

Rhymes

Ships. on cradles dykes on billows
Lulled by winds & rocked by pillows
Gaily bound we o'er the day
Keep our anchor hearts by side.

Constitution Cornet—

Oh say that band signal borne
Oft has it waved on high
And many a band, has missed to see
That signal in the sky.

The Charming Young Widow I met on the Train

(1) I was born in N.Y. one morning last summer
I recd. a dispatch that my uncle was dead
Requested I should come to the city
He'd left me a large sum of money it said
Of course I determined to go on the journey
And go by the very first cars I was able
But had I have one I never could encountered
The charming young widow I met on the train

(2) The widow & I side by side sat together
The seat contained but us two and no more
When silence was broken by my fare companion
Who remarked the line by the watch I then wore
I soon satisfied her & then conversation
Her face indulged in as both lit my cigar
Fairly raved with excitement & got enchanted
With the charming young widow I met on the train

(3) By this time the cars had arrived at the station
Within a few miles of this great busy town
My fare one, exclaimed as she looked through the window
Good Gracious alive there goes Mr. Brown
He is my late husbands brother Oh will you sir kindly
Consent a few minutes my child to entertain
Of course I consented when off from the platform
Tripped the Charming young Widow I met on the train

Continued

(4) Three minutes elapsed & the signal bell sounded
The cars began moving & widow appeared
I said out stop stop but they paid no attention
With a snort & a jerk shook off & I cursed
For this I cried distinct I sought for the train
They called the train was it & where was my train
My purse & my pencil gold pencil case, you see
And so was the Widow I met on the train

(5) While I was my loss most bewailing
The conductor came to me your ticket-please
I told the conductor while leaning my hand
The loss I sustained, but he told me my word
He called more officials they gathered around
Discovered the child O! how shall I explain
Alas! it was no baby only a ruse
That swindling young widow I met on the train

(6) Satisfied I'de been robbed I took my departure
But-first-hours I'de to settle the affair next day
So I would advise all young men from the country
To never get served in a similar way
Beware of young widows who ride on the railway
Who dress in deep mourning whose tears fall like rain
Look out for your pocket & in case they resemble
The charming young widow I met on the train

Finis

(1) Why are the Romans like a young man
paying at a young ladies door

Ans. Because they would like to Seymour
the more

(2) Why is a Locomotive very easily controlled
by a switch

Ans Because it has a tender behind

(3) Has it a tender behind

Ans. Because it has been riding
on a rail

(3) My first is a kind of a butter
My second is a kind of a licker
And my whole is a kind of a charger

Ans. Ram-rod

(4) I am most in use when people
are asleep You cannot do without me
yet nobody wants to keep me.

Ans. (a) Bed

The Village Born Beauty

Averages in Spanish & French

	April average	April class rec.	May average	May class rec.
Spanish		24		
French	2.46	35		
Gymnastics	3.10	30		
Gunnery		11		
Chemistry	3.30	10		

Averages in Math.

Oct. 31st	Average for 1st month was	3.45
Nov 30th	" " " " "	3.38
Dec 31st	" " " " "	3.13
Jan. 23rd	" " " " "	3.21
Feb. 28th	" " " " "	300
March 31st	" " " " "	294
April 30th	" " " " "	302
May 20th	" " " " "	3.30

April 1st 1870	Class No	14		Average	3.17

Averages in Grammar

Oct. 30th	Average for the month was	2.82
Nov. 31st	" " " " "	2.11
Jan 23rd	" " " " "	2.60
Dec. 31st	" " " " "	2.66
Feb 28.	" " " " "	2.81
March 31st	" " " " "	2.86
April 30th	" " " " "	2.88

Averages in Geography

Oct. 31st	Average was	2.88
Nov. 30th	Average for the month was	2.83
Dec. 31st	" " " " "	3.12
Jan 23rd	" " " " "	321

Averages in Drawing

Average for the month was

May 20th " " " " " 3.36

Class No 25	Average 2.18

Averages in Rhelore ~~Histort~~

Feb. 29	Average for the month was		2.14
March 31st	" " " "		2.86
April 30th	" " " "		3.02
April 1st 1870.	Class No. 34	Average	2.52

Averages in Seamanship

Average for the month was

March 31st	" " " "	371
April	" " " "	3.45

April 1870 Class no. 18 " " " "

Nines

Two Dots
One is to the right. Two to the left

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B	2112	O	21
C	121	P	1212
D	222	Q	1211
E	12	R	211
F	2221	S	212
G	2211	T	2
H	122	U	112
I	1	V	1222
J	1122	W	1121
K	2121	X	2122
L	221	Y	111
M	1221	Z	2222

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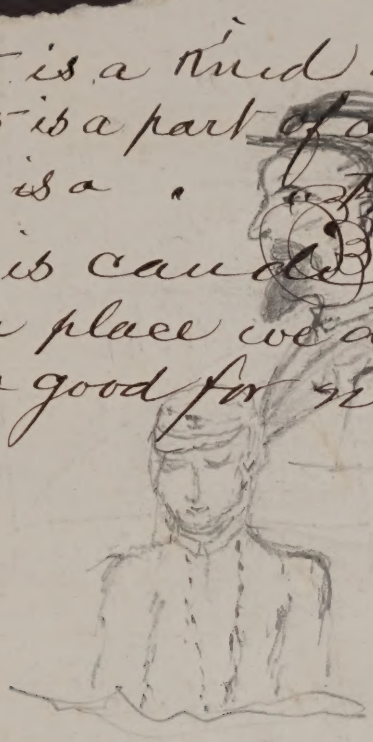

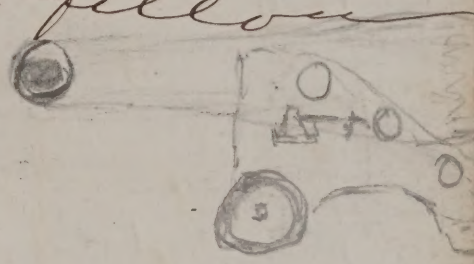

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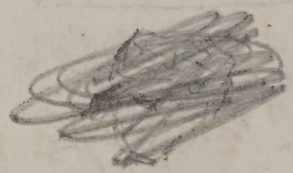

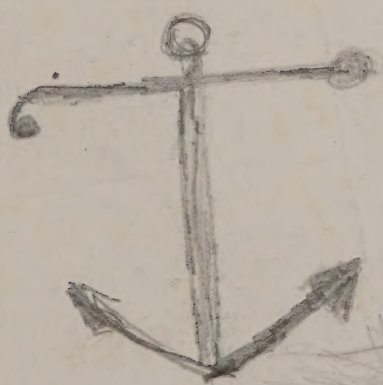

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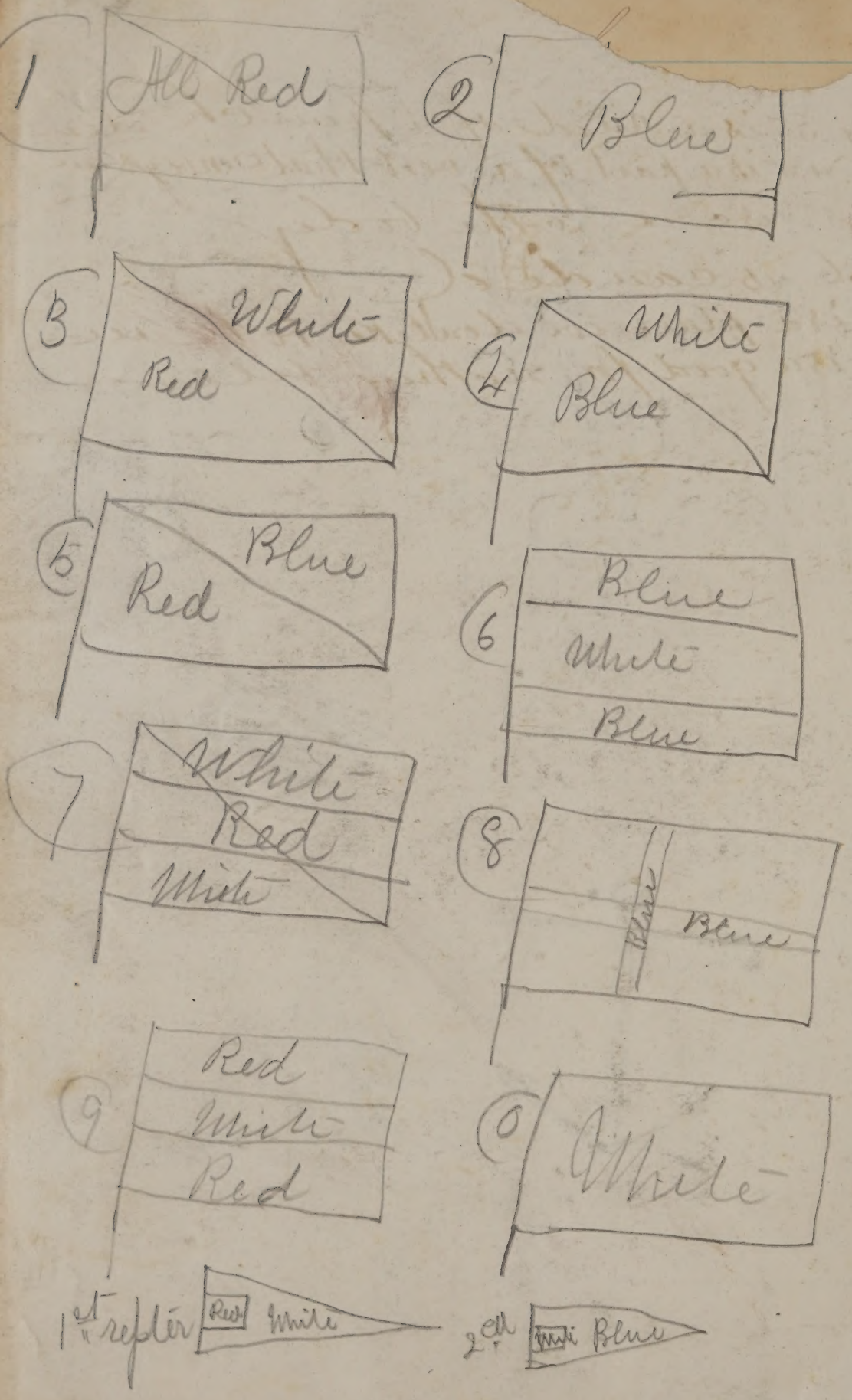
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